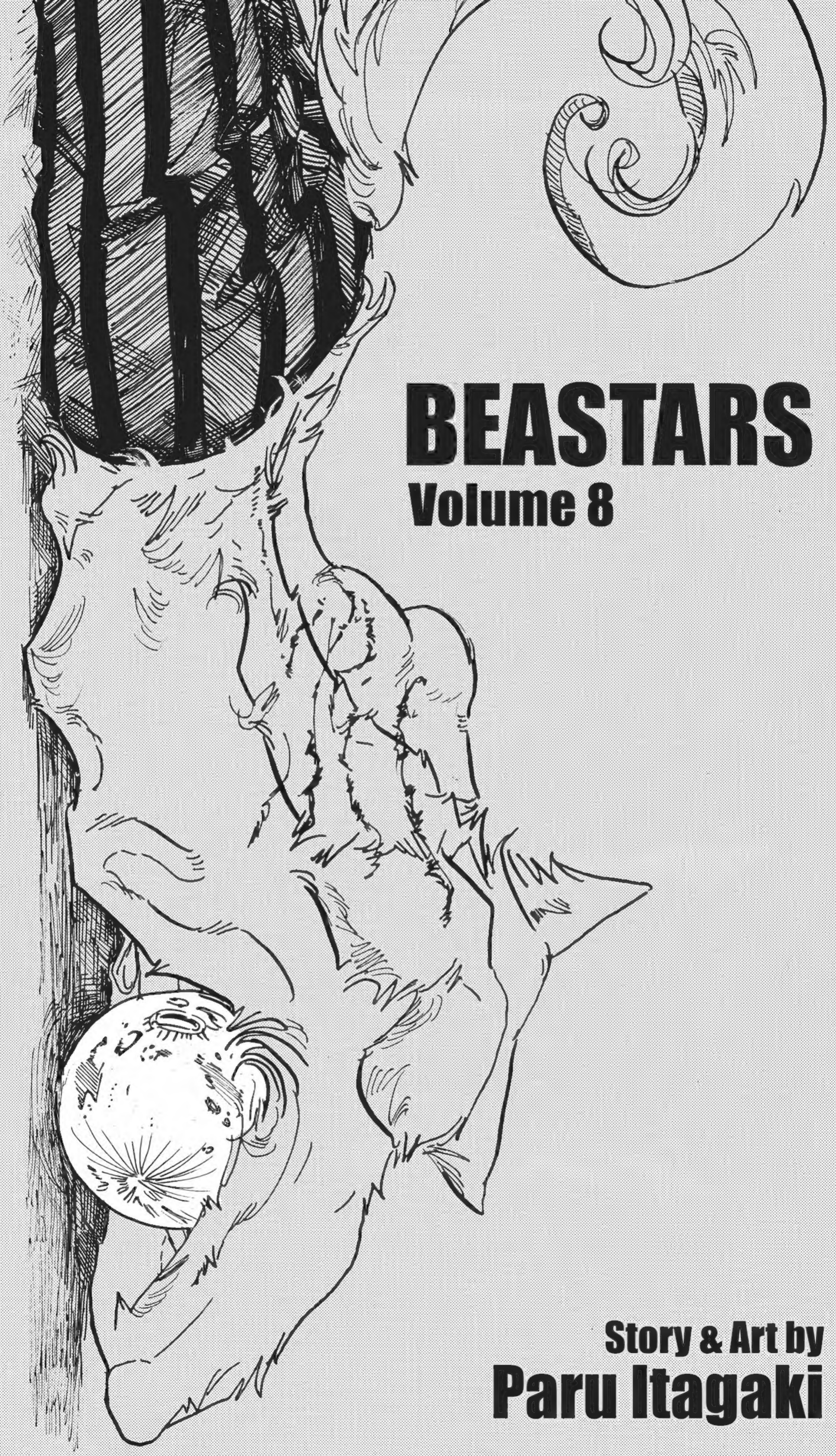


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STORY & CAST OF CHARACTERS

Cherryton Academy is an integrated boarding school for a diverse group of carnivores and herbivores. Recently Tem, an alpaca member of the Drama Club, was slain and devoured on campus. The murderer has yet to be identified, and tensions between predators and prey are running high.

Cherryton hasn't had a Beaster, a student leader, in five years. At the Council of Living Beings, the representatives of the animal families agree that whoever identifies Tem's murderer will be appointed to the prestigious role.

Ambitious gray wolf Juno visits red deer Louis and realizes that he is endeavoring to expose the truth about their society by playing the role of a leader in the underworld.

Meanwhile, Legoshi searches for the beast who murdered his friend Tem. One day he tells the other carnivore Drama Club members that he suspects one of them. That very night, a beast attacks Legoshi.

His assailant is so powerful that he barely survives. To better defend himself and those he loves, Legoshi seeks out giant panda Gohin in hopes of learning how to channel his own primal strength...

Legoshi

- ★ Gray wolf ♂
- ★ High school second-year
- ★ Member of the Drama Club production crew
- ★ Physically powerful yet emotionally sensitive
- ★ Struggles with his identity as a carnivore

Louis

- ★ Red deer ♂
- ★ High school third-year
- ★ Former leader of the Drama Club actors pool, but now leader of the Shishi-gumi

Haru

- ★ Netherland dwarf rabbit ♀
- ★ High school third-year
- ★ Member of the Gardening Club

Jack

- ★ Labrador retriever ♂
- ★ High school second-year
- ★ Legoshi's best friend

Bill

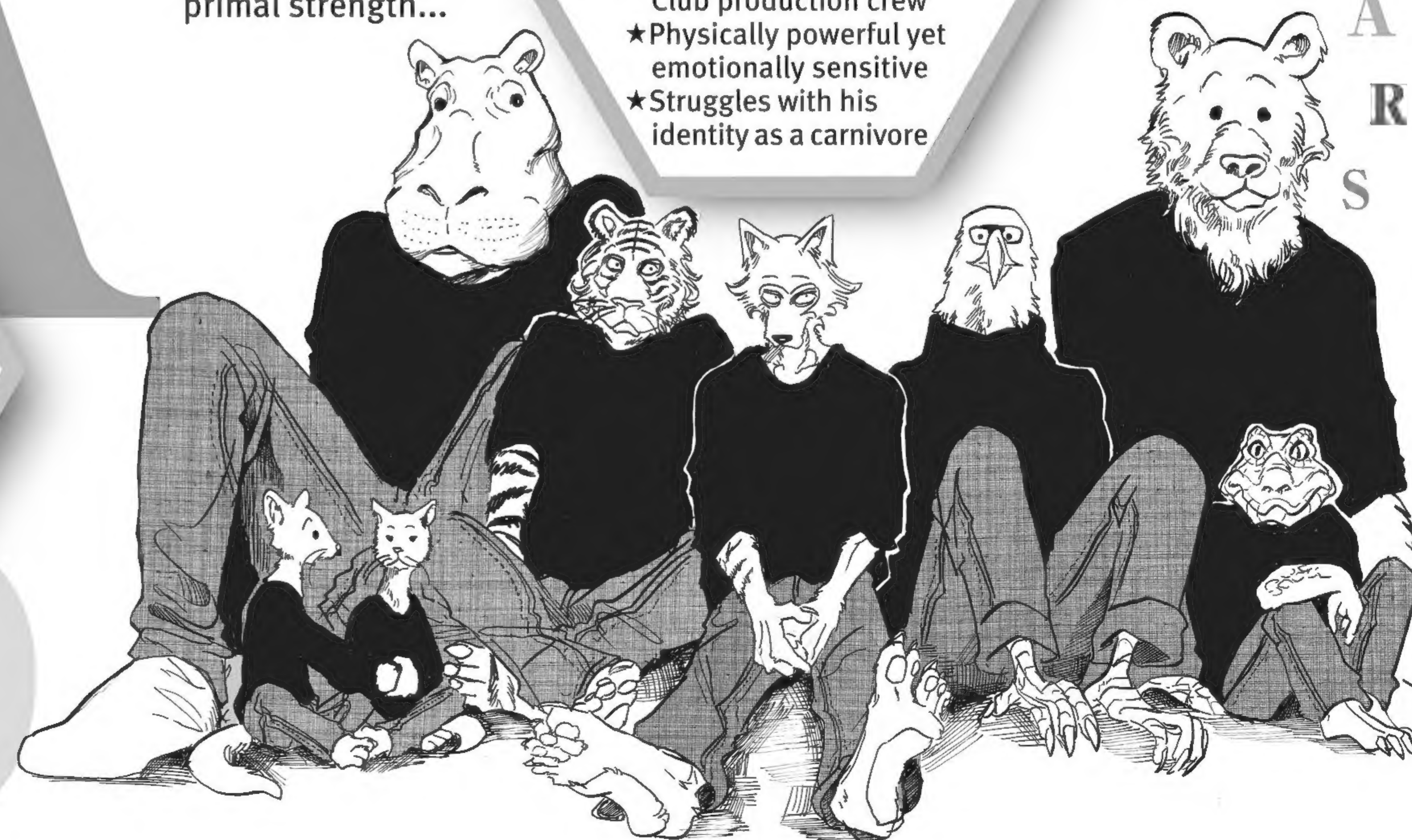
- ★ Bengal tiger ♂
- ★ High school second-year
- ★ Member of the Drama Club actors pool

Gohin

- ★ Giant panda ♂
- ★ Psychologist who runs a clinic at the black market

Juno

- ★ Gray wolf ♀
- ★ High school first-year
- ★ Member of the Drama Club actors pool



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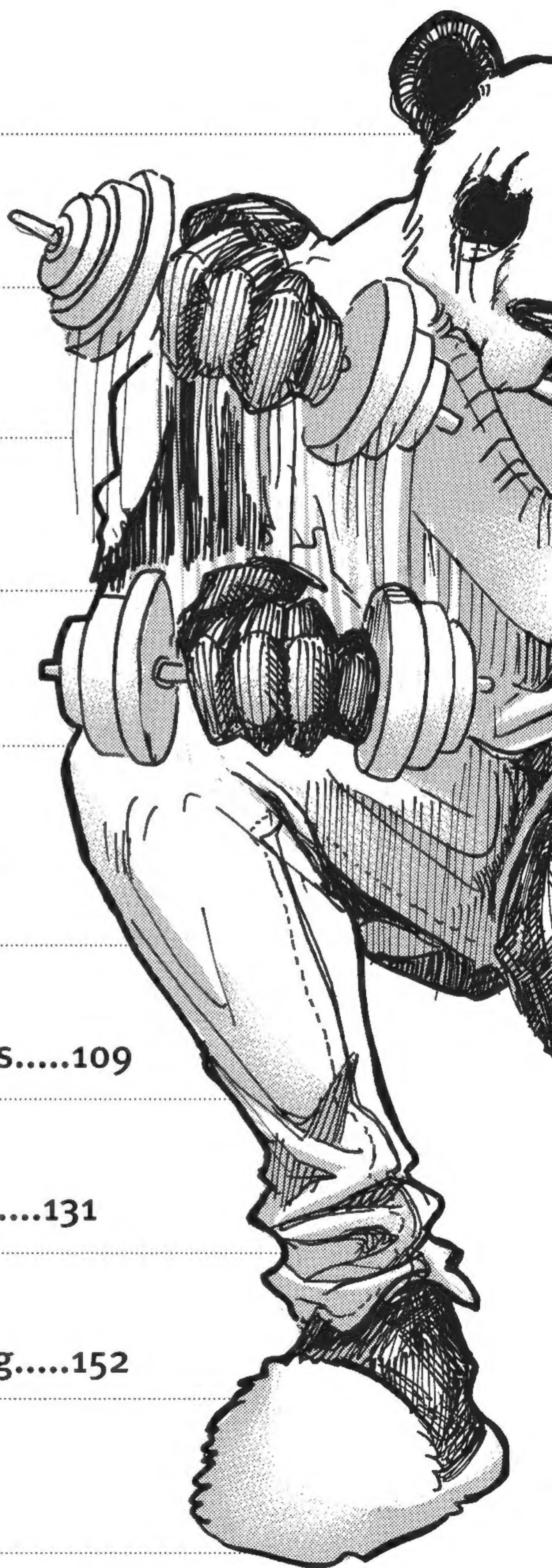
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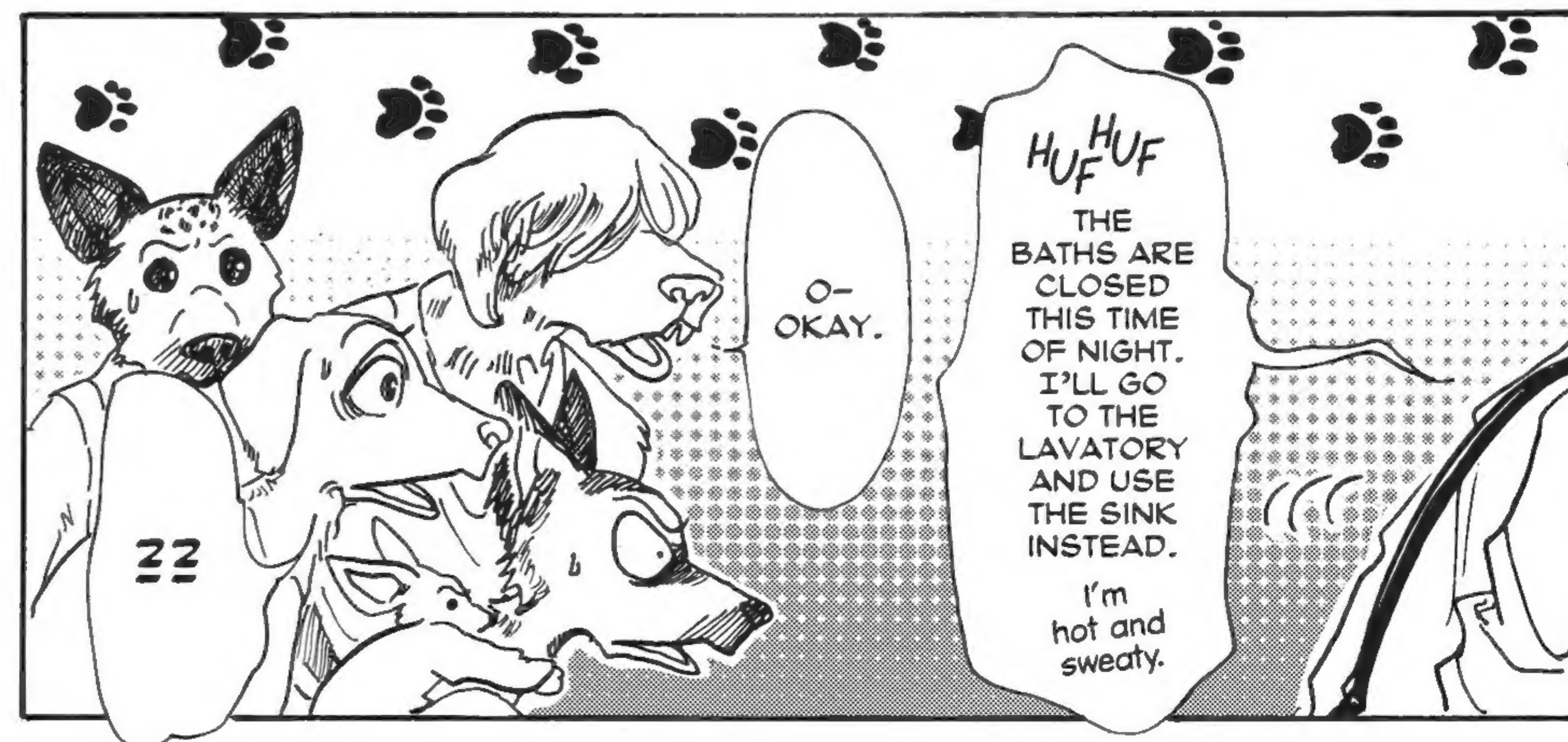
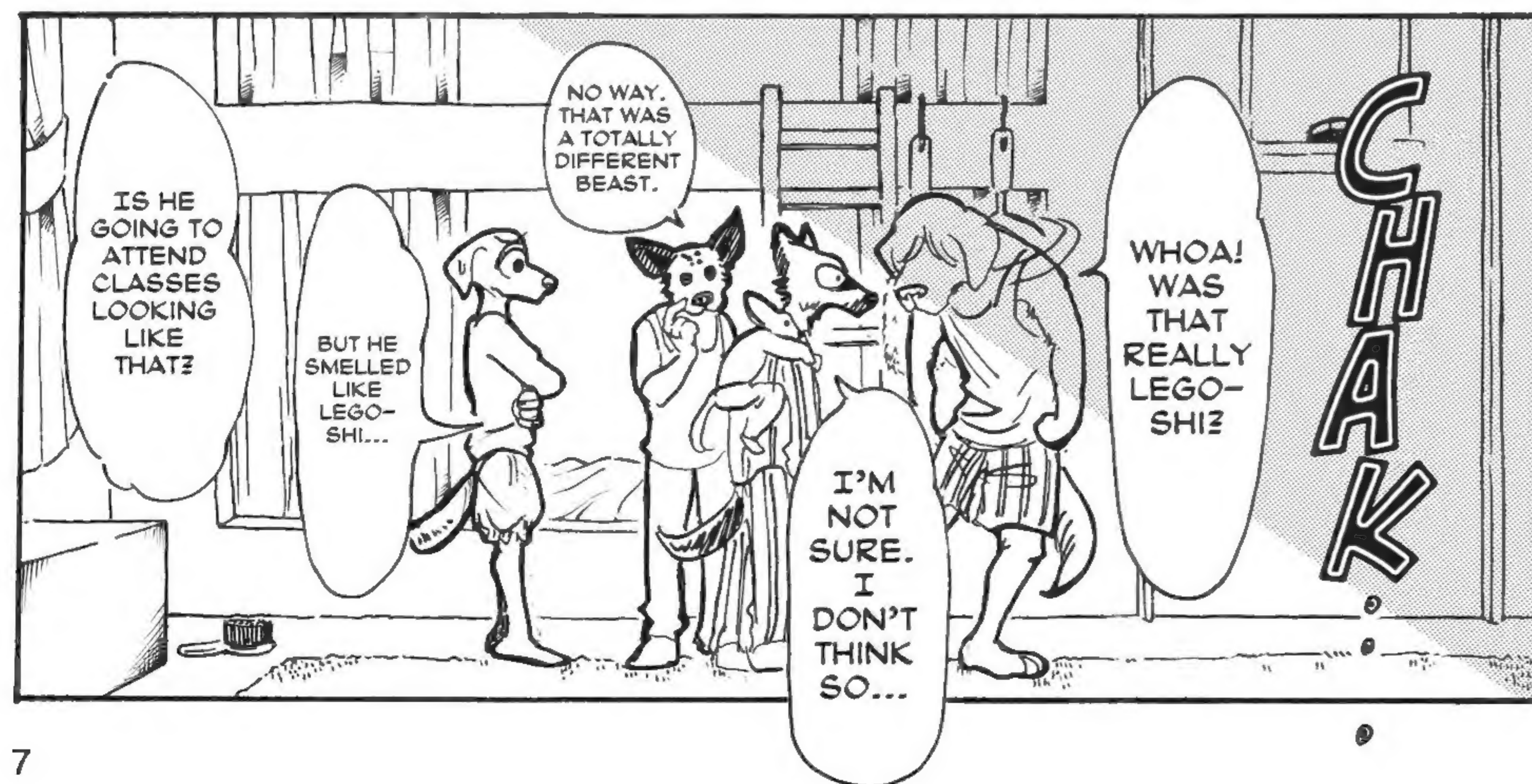
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Chapter 62: Determination Can Be Bleached







THIS
WILL BE ON
THE EXAM.
THE STUDENT
WHO IS RUDELY
SLEEPING IS
GOING TO
MISS THAT
QUESTION.

PAY
ATTENTION,
EVERYONE.
WHAT THE MAIN
CHARACTER
FEELS HERE IS
A CALLBACK TO
WHAT HAPPENED
ON PAGE 78,
LINE 3...



Last
night...

HRMPH.
HOW LATE DID
YOU STAY UP
LAST NIGHT?!
MOVING ON...
NEXT PAGE,
EVERYONE!



Gohin's
Medical
Clinic

I SEE...
SO THE
CARNIVORE WHO
DEVOURED THAT
HERBIVORE
STUDENT IS
STILL LURKING
SOMEWHERE AT
YOUR SCHOOL...
YOU'RE IN
DANGER
WHEREVER
YOU GO...

AND THIS
INCIDENT
OCCURRED
IN THE DRAMA
CLUB, WHICH
YOU'RE A
MEMBER
OF...

YOU
REALLY
ATTRACT
MISFORTUNE,
DON'T
YOU?!

Heh
Heh







TO TRAIN
WITH ME,
YOU'D HAVE TO
COME TO THE
BLACK MARKET
REGULARLY.
IF THEY
CATCH SIGHT
OF YOU...

YOU BEAT
UP THE
SHISHI-GUMI'S
BOSS A COUPLE
MONTHS AGO,
AND THEY'VE
ONLY GOTTEN
MORE POWERFUL
SINCE.

...THEY
WON'T LET
YOU GO WITH
JUST A
BULLET TO
THE HEAD.



NOW
DRINK
SOME
BAM-
BOO TEA
AND GO
HOME.

...BUT I
REFUSE
TO JEOP-
ARDIZE MY
REPUTATION
BY GETTING
INVOLVED.

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
THEY DO TO
YOU...



HOW THE HELL CAN ANYONE AS BIG AS YOU SNEAK ANYWHERE? YOU DON'T HAVE NINJA TRAINING!

I'LL DO MY BEST TO SNEAK IN AND OUT OF HERE UNDETECTED.

I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! I'VE NEVER STOOD OUT, EVER SINCE I WAS A PUP.



You ought to take your studies more seriously! Hmph...

(Medical school graduate)

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?

TH- THEN I'LL LIVE AND WORK HERE.

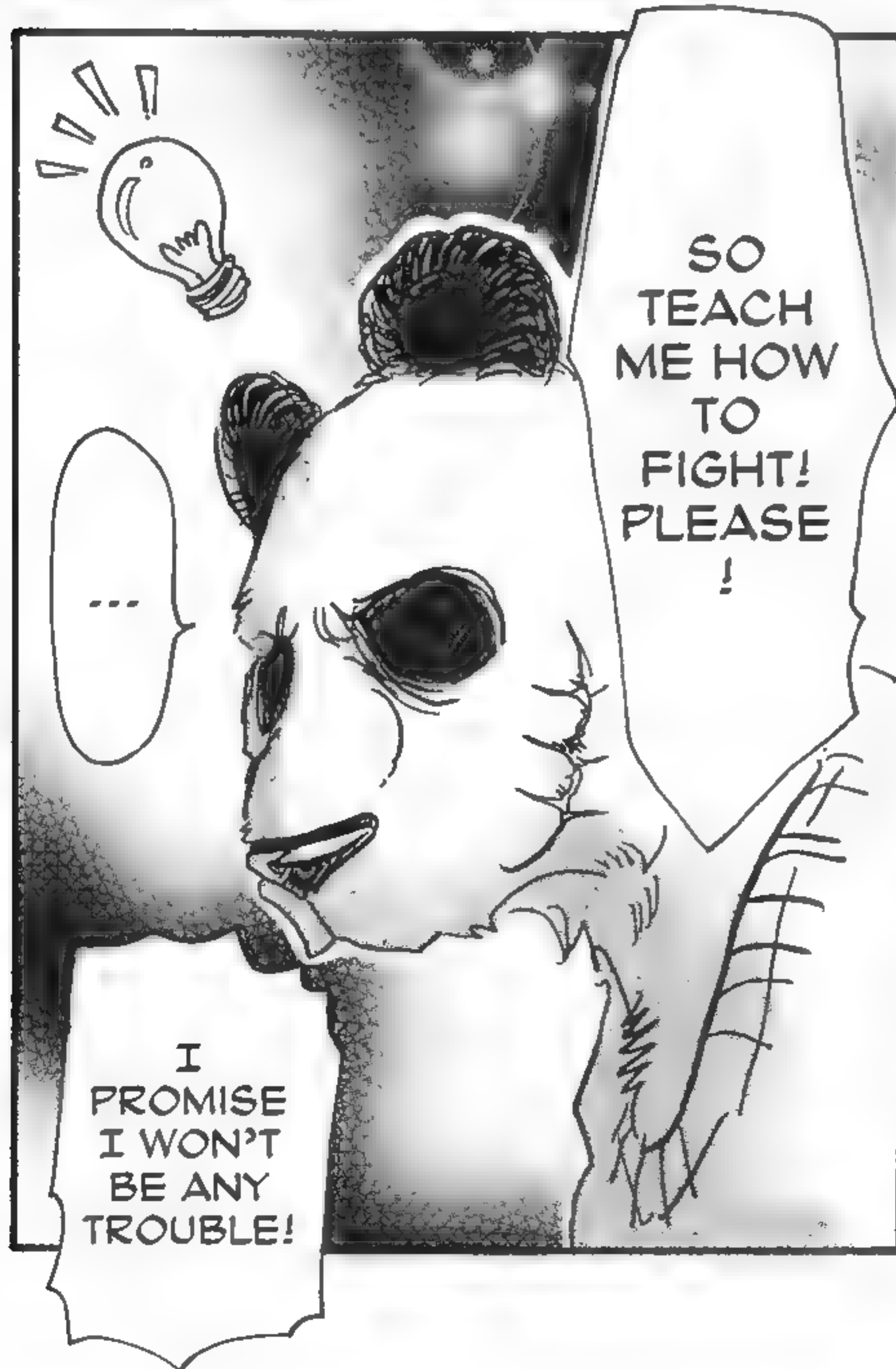
A-ARE YOU SAYING THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO?

NO WAY IN HELL! IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO GET A JOB THESE DAYS EVEN WITH A DEGREE! WHAT'LL YOU DO IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CREDITS TO GRADUATE?!

I'LL TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.



I DON'T
WANT TO BE
A BYSTANDER
ANYMORE!



SO
TEACH
ME HOW
TO
FIGHT!
PLEASE
!

I
PROMISE
I WON'T
BE ANY
TROUBLE!



IF I
HAVE TO
KEEP GOING
TO SCHOOL,
I WON'T BE
THERE TO
STUDY BUT TO
PROTECT MY
CLASSMATES
AND THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF
THE DRAMA
CLUB.



HUH
?!

I'VE
GOT A
GREAT
IDEA!
WHY
DON'T
YOU SIT
DOWN
...?

S
M
R
K

W-
WHAT'S
YOUR
GREAT
IDEA?

BUT
THEN,
YOU'RE
YOUNG...

YOU'VE
CER-
TAINLY
BECOME
OVER-
CONFI-
DENT.

FWMP

?!
?

Vwee
KA
SHAK



NOT
EVEN A
POLAR
BEAR
AT FULL
STRENGTH
COULD
BREAK
THOSE RE-
STRAINTS.

HEH HEH...
THAT CHAIR'S
FOR VIOLENT
PATIENTS...
AND YOU SAT
DOWN IN IT
WITHOUT A
THOUGHT, YOU
GULLIBLE
FOOL.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!



...ARE
YOU
GOING
TO DO
TO
ME?!

W-
WHAT
...

IF
YOU'RE
SERIOUS
ABOUT
TRAINING
WITH ME,
PROVE HOW
COMMITTED
YOU ARE.







I WOULDN'T CALL THAT A NEW HAIR-STYLE... I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU AT FIRST! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME FOX WHO HAD TO SHAVE BECAUSE HE GOT MANGE OR SOME-THING...

NOW I'M COLD. AND I HAVE A WEIRD HAIRSTYLE. I DON'T FEEL LIKE MYSELF.

I CUT MY FUR WAY TOO SHORT... AFTER SOME STUFF HAPPENED.

UH-HUH...



...I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP PUT THINGS AWAY WHEN WE'RE DONE.

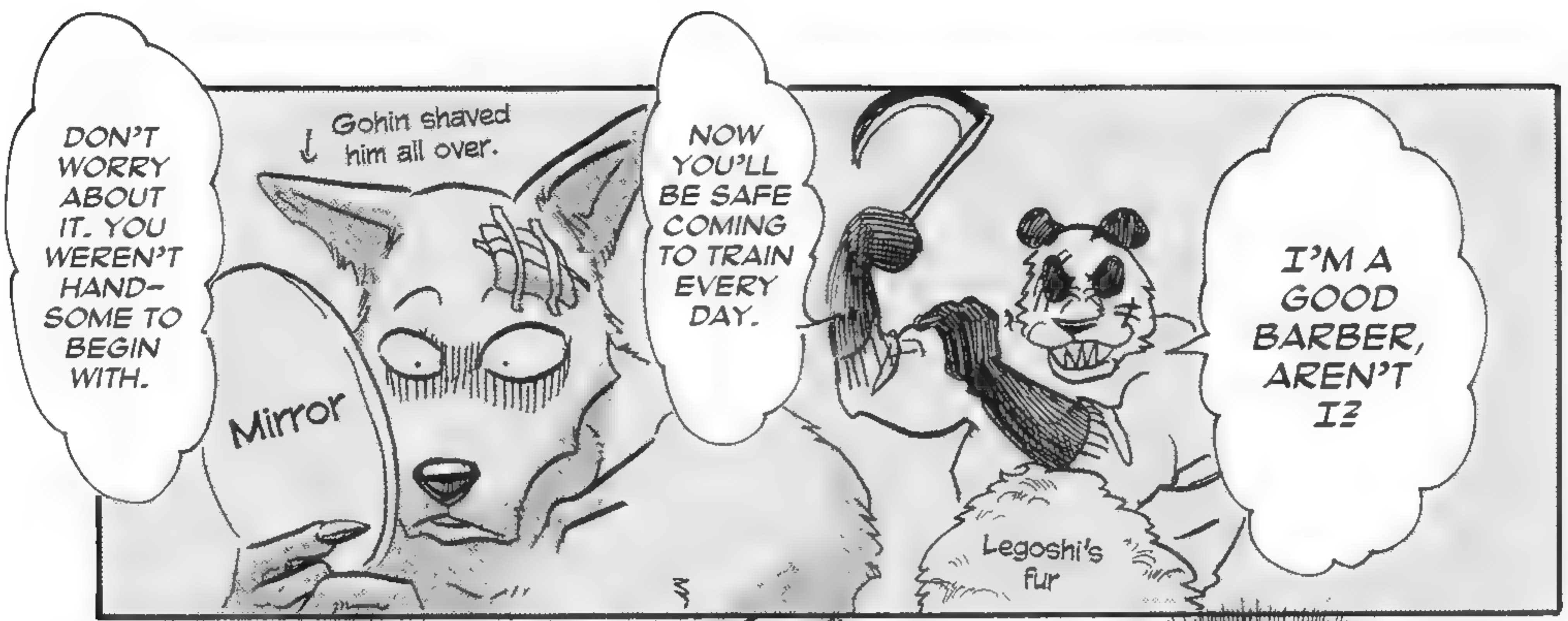
SO I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE A LITTLE EARLY. I'LL COME TO THE DRAMA CLUB WHENEVER I CAN, BUT...

YEAH.

Oh!

UM... OKAY, SO... YOU HAVE TO GO HOME EVERY NIGHT TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SICK GRAND-FATHER, HUH?





DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOU WEREN'T HAND-SOME TO BEGIN WITH.

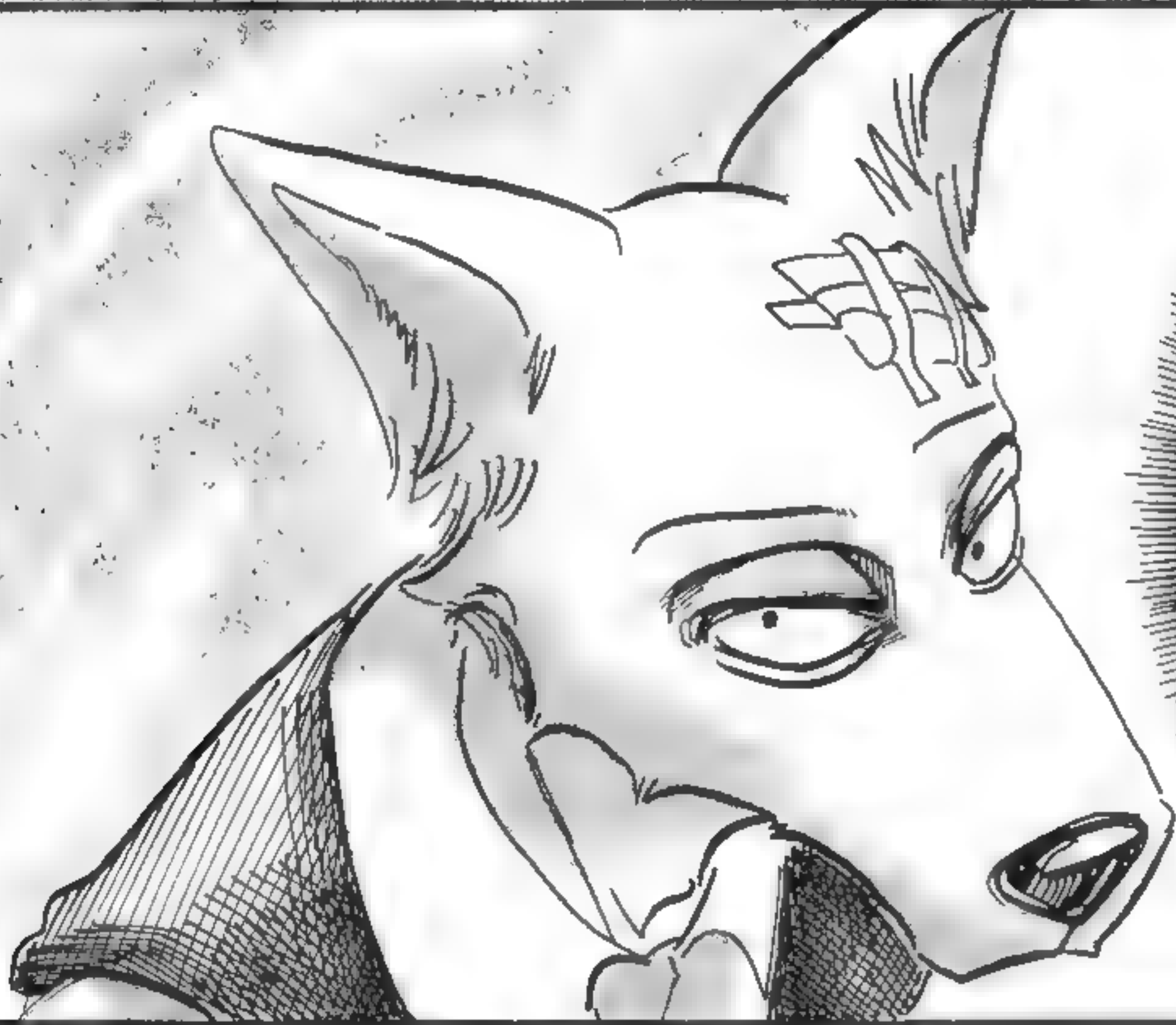
Mirror

Gohin shaved him all over.

NOW YOU'LL BE SAFE COMING TO TRAIN EVERY DAY.

Legoshi's fur

I'M A GOOD BARBER, AREN'T I?



I DIDN'T REALIZE IT UNTIL I TALKED TO GOHIN, BUT I STILL NEED TO SHOW UP AT THE DRAMA CLUB EVERY DAY.



UM... I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK ALL OF YOU TO CLEAN UP BEFORE YOU LEAVE...

NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO DIE ON MY WATCH.

I'LL BE THE DETER-RENT.

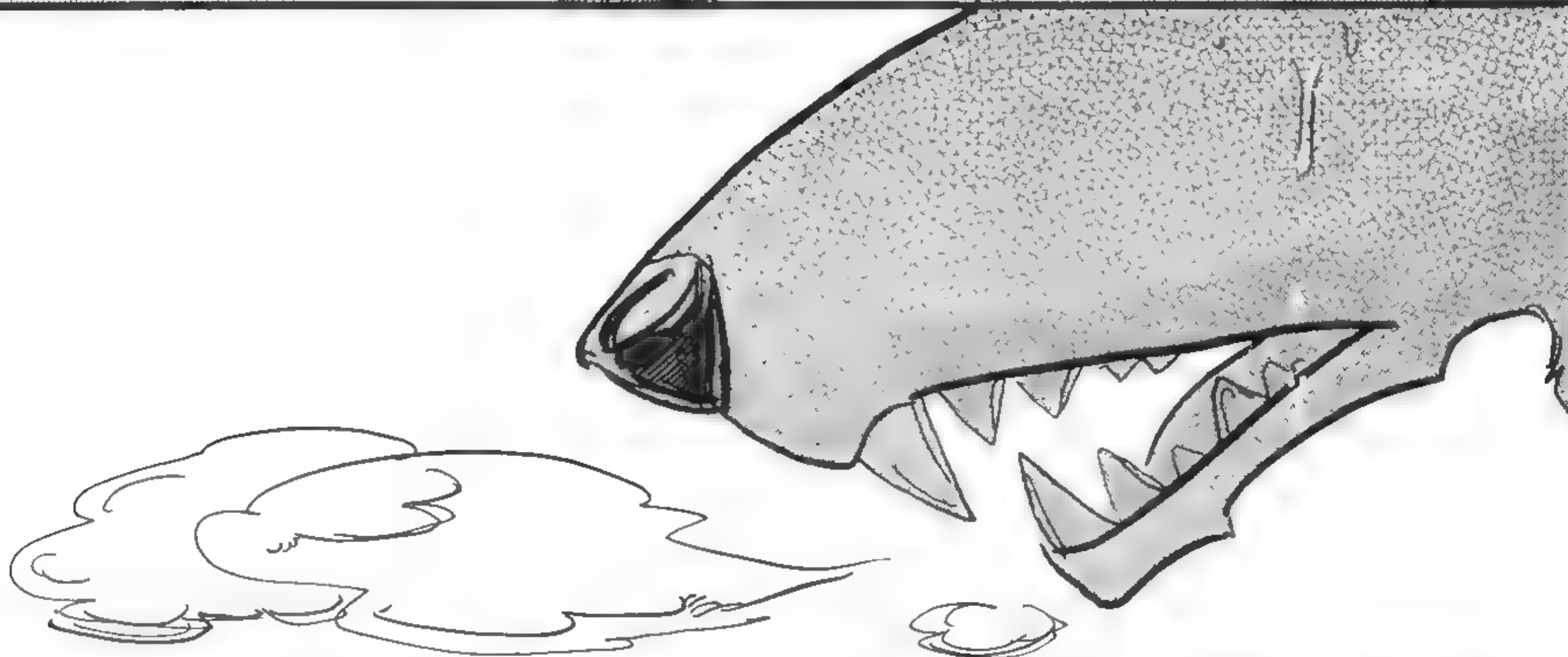




YOU'LL GO
TO SCHOOL
MORNING TILL
LATE AFTERNOON!
YOU'LL TRAIN
WITH ME FROM DUSK
UNTIL DAWN!
YOU'LL RUN FROM
THE CITY TO THE
SCHOOL AND
BACK.



THIS WILL
BE YOUR
DAILY
SCHEDULE.



YOU
HAVE TO
PRIORI-
TIZE.

BUT
YOU
TOLD
ME TO
STUDY!

TAKE
NAPS
IN YOUR
CLASSES.

WHAT?!
WHEN AM
I SUP-
POSED TO
SLEEP?





I
GUESS
I'M
GOING
TO BE
SUPER BUSY
FOR
A WHILE.

Gohan's
place is far
away...

I'VE
GOT NO
TIME TO
REST.



I LOVE,
LOVE,
LOVE IT!
HE LOOKS
SO COOL
LIKE
THAT!

I
THINK
IT'LL
GROW
ON ME.

HE
LOOKS
OKAY,
I
GUESS.

Hm...

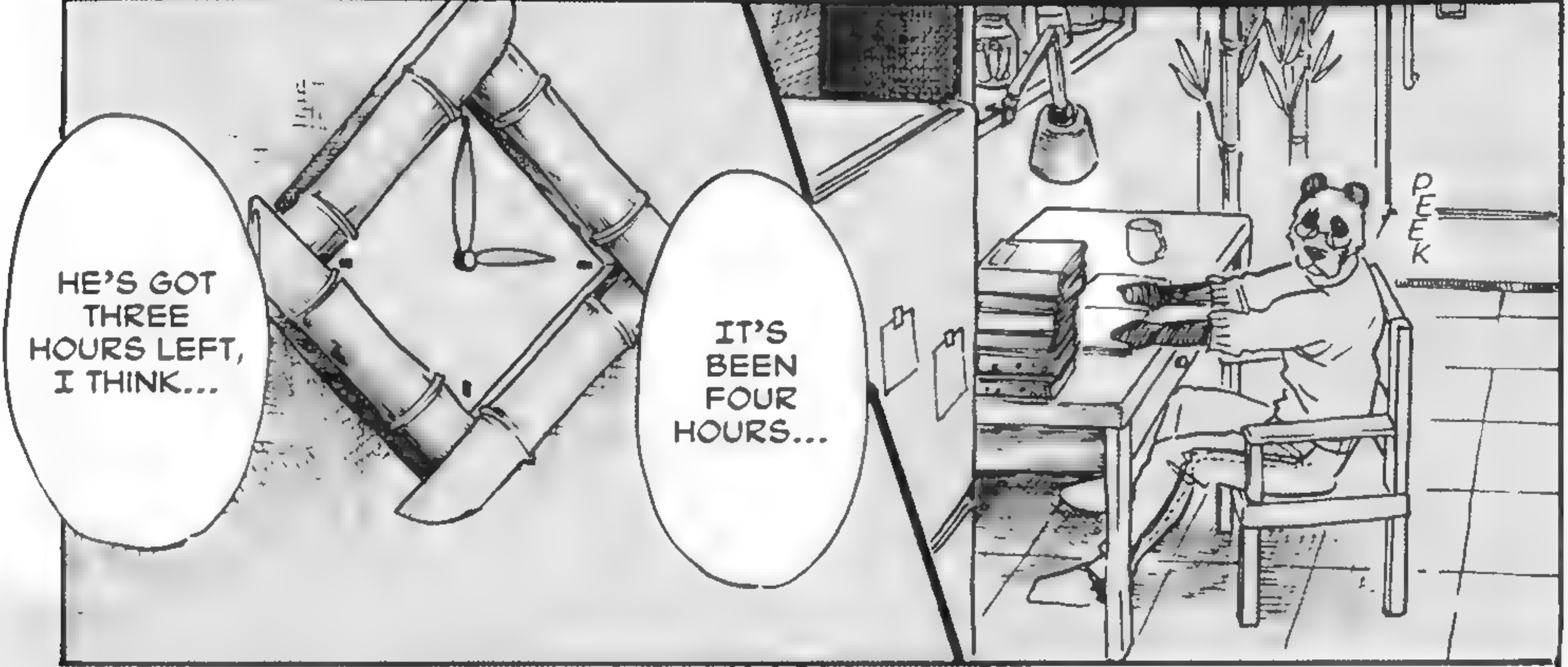
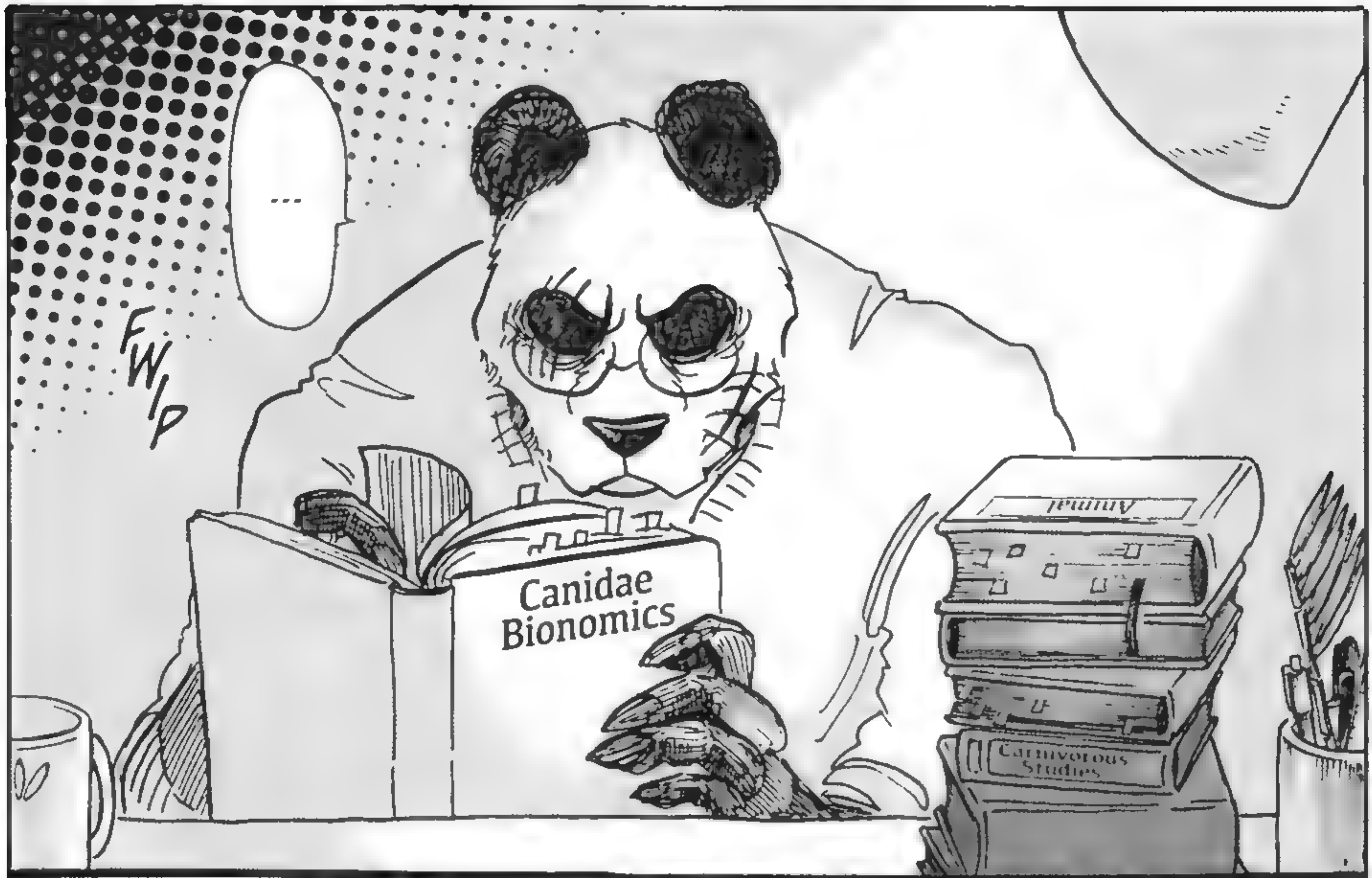
SO HOW
DO YOU
LIKE WHITE
LEGOSHI?





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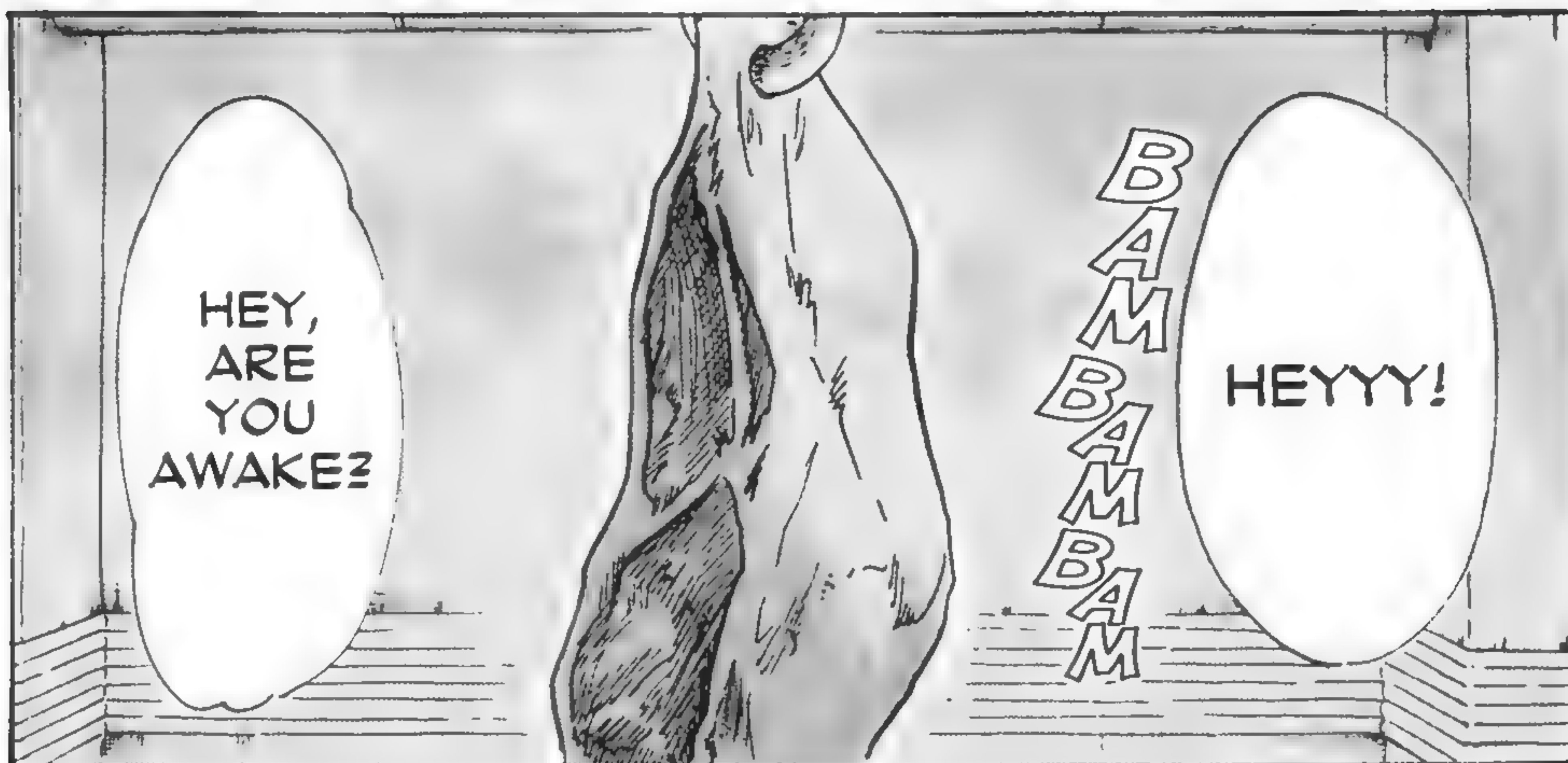
YOU
HAVEN'T
FALLEN
ASLEEP,
HAVE
YOU?
HEY!

HEY,
LEGOSHI
!

I
HOPE
YOU'RE
STILL
SITTING
UP
STRAIGHT
!

BAM
BAM
BAM

BAM
BAM
BAM





YOU NEED
TO BE ABLE
TO HANDLE
MAXIMUM
TEMPTA-
TION AND
STRESS.

REMEM-
BER, YOU
CHOSE
THIS
PATH.



Three
days
ago...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

LEGOSHI,
I HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT
MEANS FOR
A CARNIVORE
TO TRAIN
SERIOUSLY.



BLACK
MAR-
KET
MEAT.

YOU
HAVE TO
EAT MEAT.



HEY!
WHAT'S
WITH THAT
LOOK? YOU
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT I'M
SAYING,
DON'T
YOU?

A CARNIVORE
HAS TO CONSUME
MEAT TO TURN
INTO A WARRIOR.
IT'S ONLY
NATURAL,
RIGHT?



FOR
YOU, YES.
BUT
CARNIVORE
ATHLETES AND
SOLDIERS ALL
EAT MEAT IN
SECRET.

I DO...
BUT IF I
HAVE TO EAT
HERBIVORE
MEAT TO
BECOME STRONG
ENOUGH TO
PROTECT
HERBIVORES...
THAT'S A
PARADOX.

I THOUGHT
YOU'D SAY
THAT. YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
HOW RIDICULOUSLY
UNREALISTIC THAT
IS WHEN YOU START
TRAINING. IT'LL
BE ALL THE MORE
DIFFICULT IF YOU
DON'T EAT
MEAT.

HIS BROW IS
FURROWED...
HE LOOKS
WORRIED, BUT
DETERMINED...

I
WON'T
DO IT.

NO...

I'LL DO
EVERYTHING
YOU SAY
EXCEPT
EAT
MEAT!

I'LL
BE
FINE
...

FIRST, I NEED
TO COMPLETELY
OVERCOME MY DESIRE
FOR MEAT. THEN I
NEED TO TRANSFORM MY
METABOLISM SO MY BODY
IS CAPABLE OF BECOMING
MORE POWERFUL
WITHOUT CONSUMING
MEAT.





....TO
REACH
A HIGHER
LEVEL.

ONLY
THEN
WILL
I BE
ABLE...

...AND
KEEP
APPLYING
PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
PRESSURE
ON
MYSELF.

I
NEED
TO
FACE
MY
DESIRE
FOR
MEAT...



AND I
FEEL LIKE
THROWING
UP ALL
THE TIME.

IT'S
MY THIRD
DAY OF
TRAINING.



AND IT
TICKLES MY
NOSTRILS.
THIS IS
TORTURE...

THIS
MEAT
KEEPS
MAKING
ME
DROOL.



THE
MEAT OF
A CAMEL
WHO DIED
OF NATURAL
CAUSES.

CHEAP
STUFF I
BOUGHT
AT THE
BLACK
MARKET.

WHAT
KIND OF
MEAT...
WAS
THAT?

CHAK

TIME'S
UP!



PLEASE
...
TRAIN
ME
SOME
MORE
TOMOR-
ROW.

NO.

READY
TO QUIT
TRAIN-
ING
YET?

HA HA...
YOU LOOK
AWFULLY
PALE.
YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
EXHAUSTED
BY THE TIME
YOU GET
BACK TO
SCHOOL.





UPPER-
CLASSMAN
LEGOSHI...
YOU LOOK
AWFUL
LATELY.
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?





YEAH...
OUR CLUB
PRESIDENT
TOLD ME TO
BE MORE
POLITE.

YOU'RE
BEING
VERY
FORMAL
TODAY,
PINA...
THAT'S A
SURPRISE.



I
DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
THAT
STUFF.

I WISH
YOU'D
TAKE AN
INTER-
EST IN
STAGE-
HAND
WORK.

I'M
TAKING
YOU WITH
ME TO THE
DESIGN
TEAM
WARE-
HOUSE
TODAY.

WHAT
WOULD
YOU DO IF
I WAS
HAVING
MENTAL
PROBLEMS
?!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME.

UM...
SERIOUSLY,
ARE YOU
OKAY?
YOU'VE
SHAVED
YOUR FUR.
YOU'VE
GOTTEN SO
SCRAWNY...
ARE YOU
HAVING
MENTAL
PROBLEMS
OR SOME-
THING?



NO?

HEH
HEH...
SORRY.





EH?

THAT BOX OVER THERE IS FULL OF FABRIC.



THIS BOX CONTAINS OLD COSTUMES.

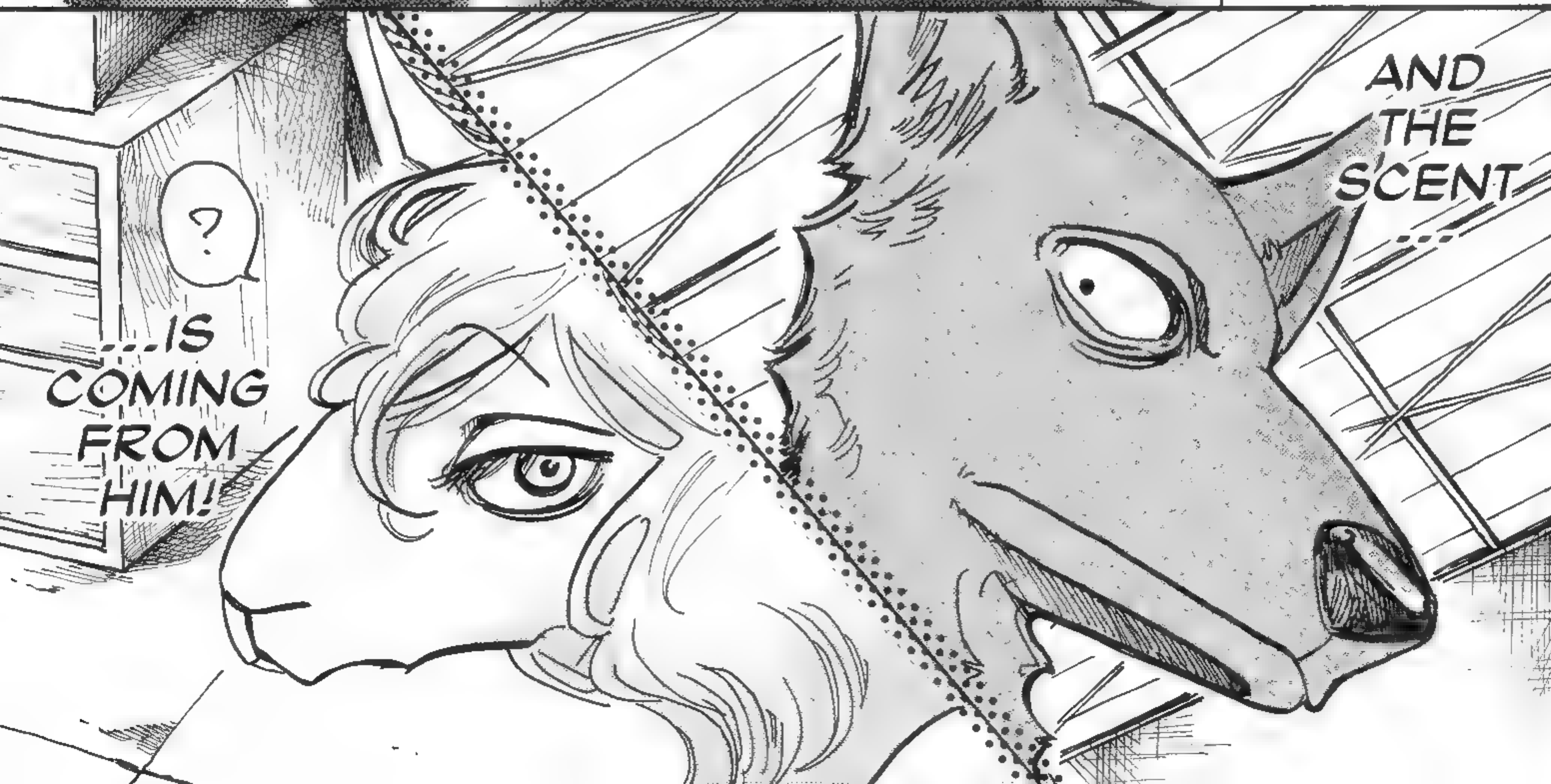
COME ON...
Sheesh.

...STRONG SCENT OF A FEMALE...

UH-HUH.

**WHAT'S THIS?
I'M PICKING UP THE...**

SO... CAN I TAKE OFF NOW?



AND THE SCENT

...IS COMING FROM HIM!





DON'T YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?

IS THAT SO? SOUNDS COMPLICATED...



REALLY? ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH ANY-ONE?

I'M REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD TO TALK ABOUT ANY-ONE ELSE'S LOVE LIFE...



WAIT!

HARU HARU HARU HARU...

ARGH! I'VE BEEN TRYING NOT TO THINK ABOUT HARU SO I CAN CONCENTRATE ON MY TRAINING!

WHY NOT?! HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?



HE HAS
NO IDEA...

YOU'RE
SUPER LOYAL.
YOU HAVE ONLY
ONE BEAST IN
YOUR HEART.
THAT'S
IMPRESSIVE.
BUT IT'S WHAT
YOU'D EXPECT
FROM A
DOG.

HA
HA.

...HOW HARD
IT IS FOR ME
TO CONTROL
MYSELF.

TEACH
ME THE
SECRET OF
LOYALTY
LIKE THAT!

HE
FOLLOWS
HIS
INSTINCTS.
DOES
WHATEVER
HE WANTS.
HE COULD
NEVER
UNDER-
STAND
ME.

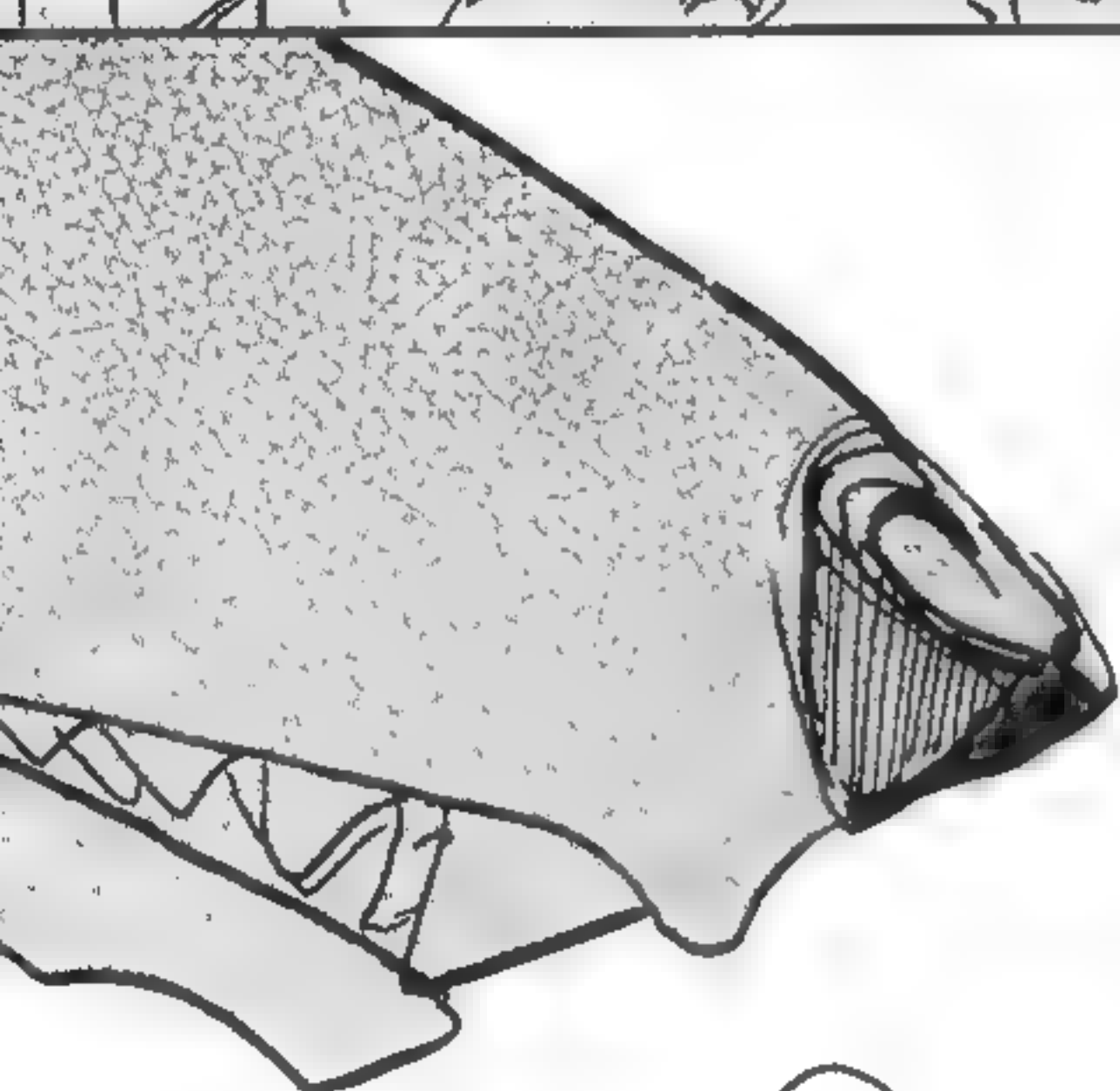






...IF
I'M WITH
A GIRL,
I WANT TO
KISS HER
RIGHT
AWAY.

WHEN I'M
IN A DIMLY
LIT, CLOSE
SPACE WITH
ANOTHER
BEAST, JUST
THE TWO
OF US...



THE
BEAST
IN FRONT
OF YOU IS
A SHEEP
WHO
WOULD
FORGIVE
YOU IF
YOU
DID...

DON'T
YOU HAVE
THE URGE
TO...
DEVOUR
ME NOW?

...

...he is
experiencing
something
he's never
felt before...

...but today,
for the first
time in his
life...

This wolf
is 17 years
old...

*...loathing
for an
herbi-
vore!*

I DON'T
EAT MEAT.
I DON'T
HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND.
I'M A
WOLF WHO
DOESN'T
NEED
ANYTHING.

*A
clear
and
intense
...*

REALLY?
WELL,
WHAT-
EVER...

My
hand
hurts.

TO
EAT
SOME
VEG-
GIES!

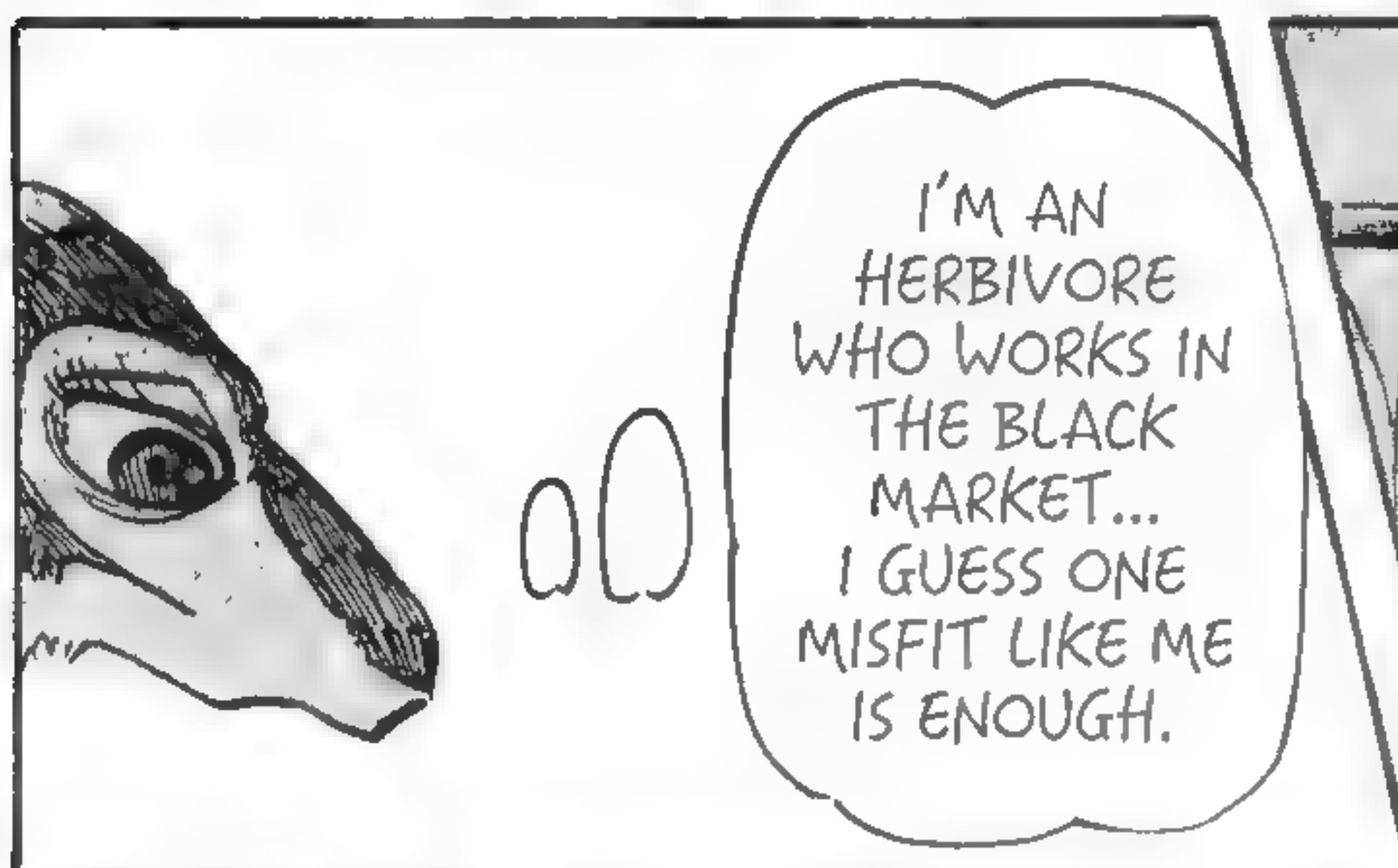
RRGH!
I'M
HUNGRY!
I'M GOING
TO THE
DINING
HALL!

...is full
of negative
energy...

This
17-year-
old...



Chapter 64: The Dancer Without Pointe Shoes



...the louder the carnivores released from their work-day grind growl, until the sound echoes throughout the theater.

At this gentleman's club, the further the strippers undress...

QUIET, EVERYONE...

RTTL
RTTL
RTTL
RTTL

OUR LAST PERFORMER IS COSMO, AN OKAPI.

HELLO, EVERYONE! THANK YOU FOR WAITING!



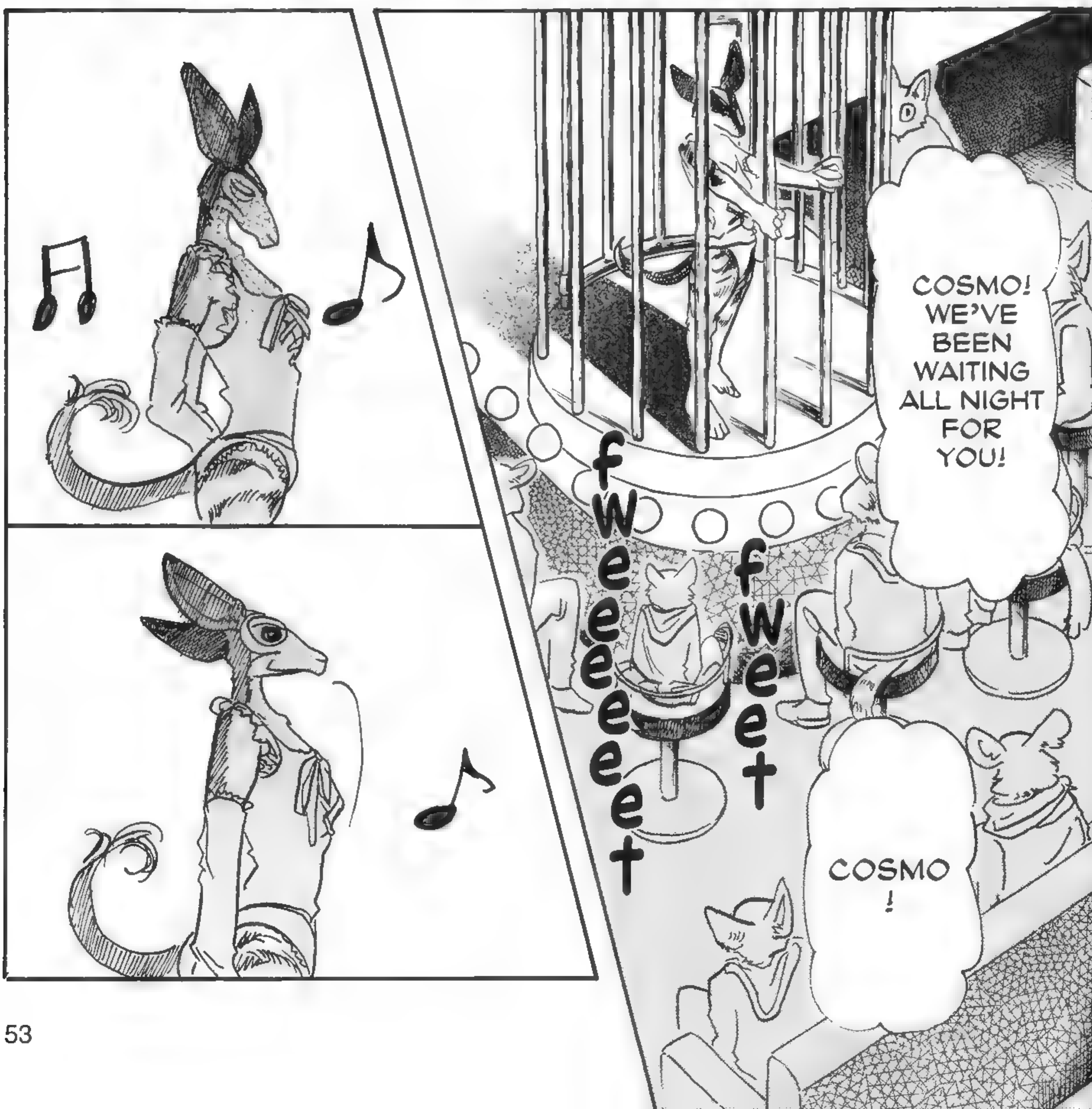
KASHAK

PUTTING
YOUR PAWS
INTO THE
CAGE IS
STRICTLY
FORBIDDEN!



...
BEASTS
...

HELLO
...





THE SCENT
OF A FEMALE
HERBIVORE
WITHOUT
FABRIC
AROUND HER
BODY TO
CONTAIN IT...



...
CUT
INTO
PIECES
FOR
EATING.

...THAN
EVEN
THE
SMELL
OF
MEAT...

...IS
MUCH
MORE
INTENSE,
FRESH
AND
SWEET...



...INTO
A
CHAOTIC
MIX-
TURE.

I'LL
STIR
YOUR
DE-
SIRE
FOR
FOOD
AND
SEX...



DRINK
AND
LEER
AT THE
ASYM-
METRICAL
PATTERNS
OF MY
HIDE.



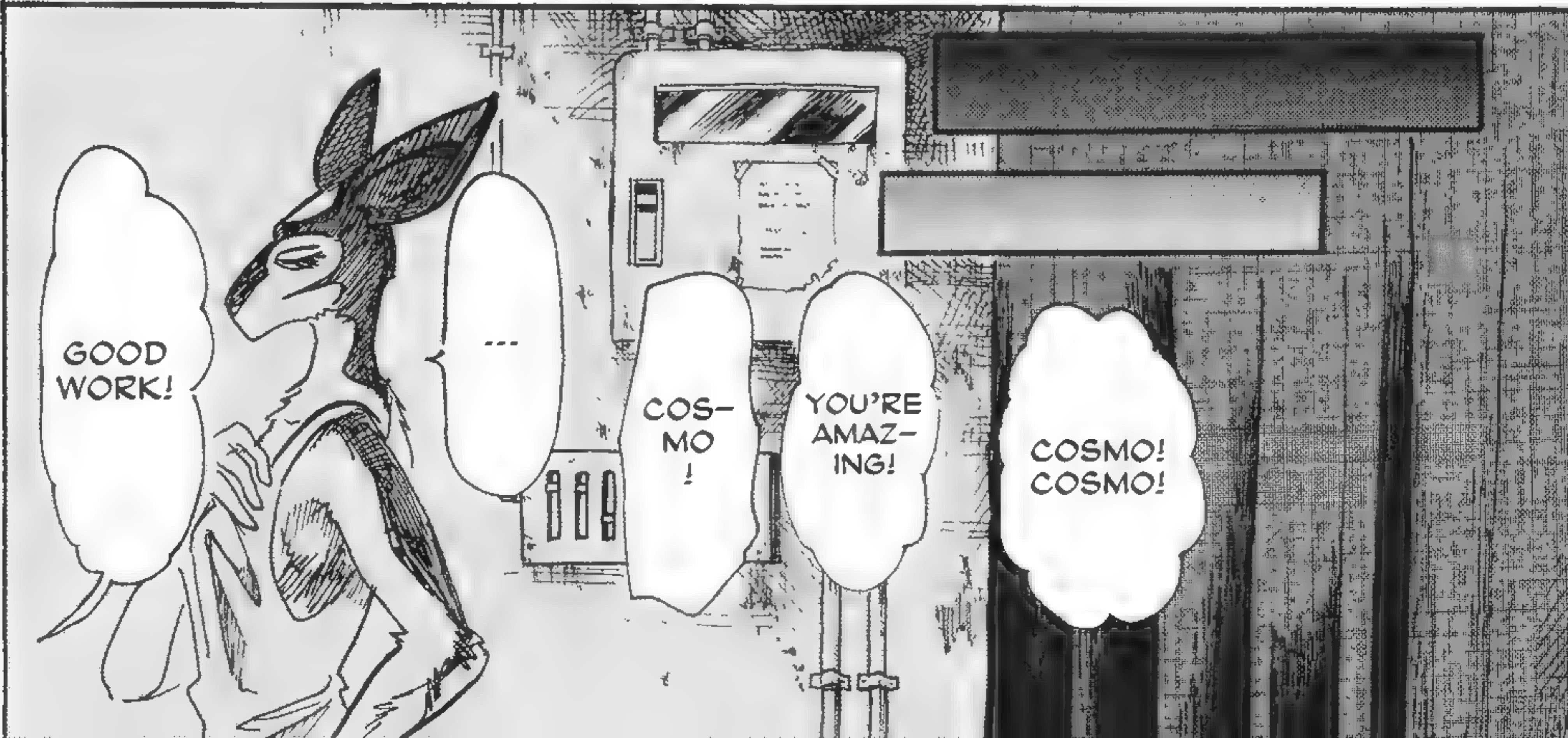
...BUT
I'M
WATCH-
ING
YOU
TOO.

YOU'RE
WATCH-
ING
ME...



I
RULE
THIS
SPACE.

YOU'RE
THE
ONES
WHO
ARE
IN A
CAGE.



GOOD
WORK!

...

COS-
MO
!

YOU'RE
AMAZ-
ING!

COSMO!
COSMO!





THERE.
MY
MAKE-
UP'S
OFF.

HERBI-
VORES
AT THE
BLACK
MARKET
ARE ON
THE FRONT
LINES OF
DEATH,
NATURALLY.

THERE
USED TO BE
A FEMALE
DEER
STRIPPER
TWO YEARS
AGO...BUT
SHE'S DEAD
NOW.



I
FORGOT
ABOUT
THAT...



I'LL
GO
SMOKE
A CIGA-
RETTE.



AND
I'LL GLADLY
BE KILLED
AND
DEVOURED
WHEN
MY TIME
COMES!

I'M
GOING
TO KEEP
MILKING
CARNIVORES
FOR ALL
THEY'RE
WORTH!!





WHAT'S
AN HER-
BIVORE
DOING IN
A PLACE
LIKE
THIS?!

WH-
WHO
ARE
YOU...?



...COME
HERE OUT
OF MORBID
CURIOSITY?!

DID THIS
TEENAGE
DEER...



WHAT'S
HIS
DEAL?!

ISN'T
HE
UNDER-
AGE?!



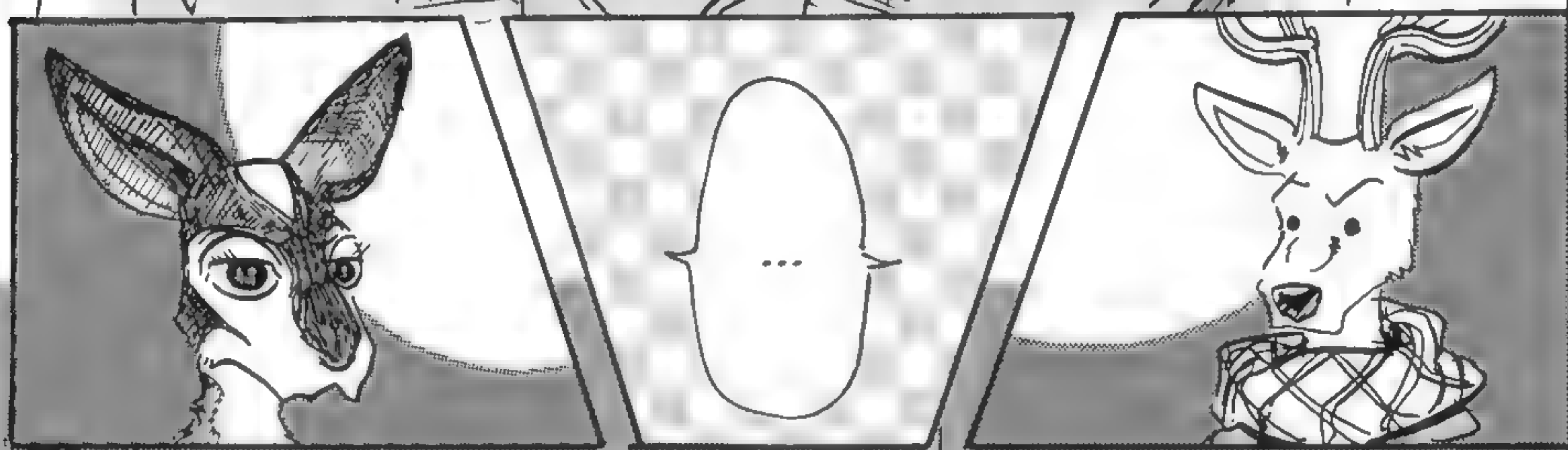
I'VE BEEN
A STRIPPER
FOR EIGHT
YEARS NOW.
THE TWO
TYPES OF
CUSTOMERS I
DESPISE...

HEY...



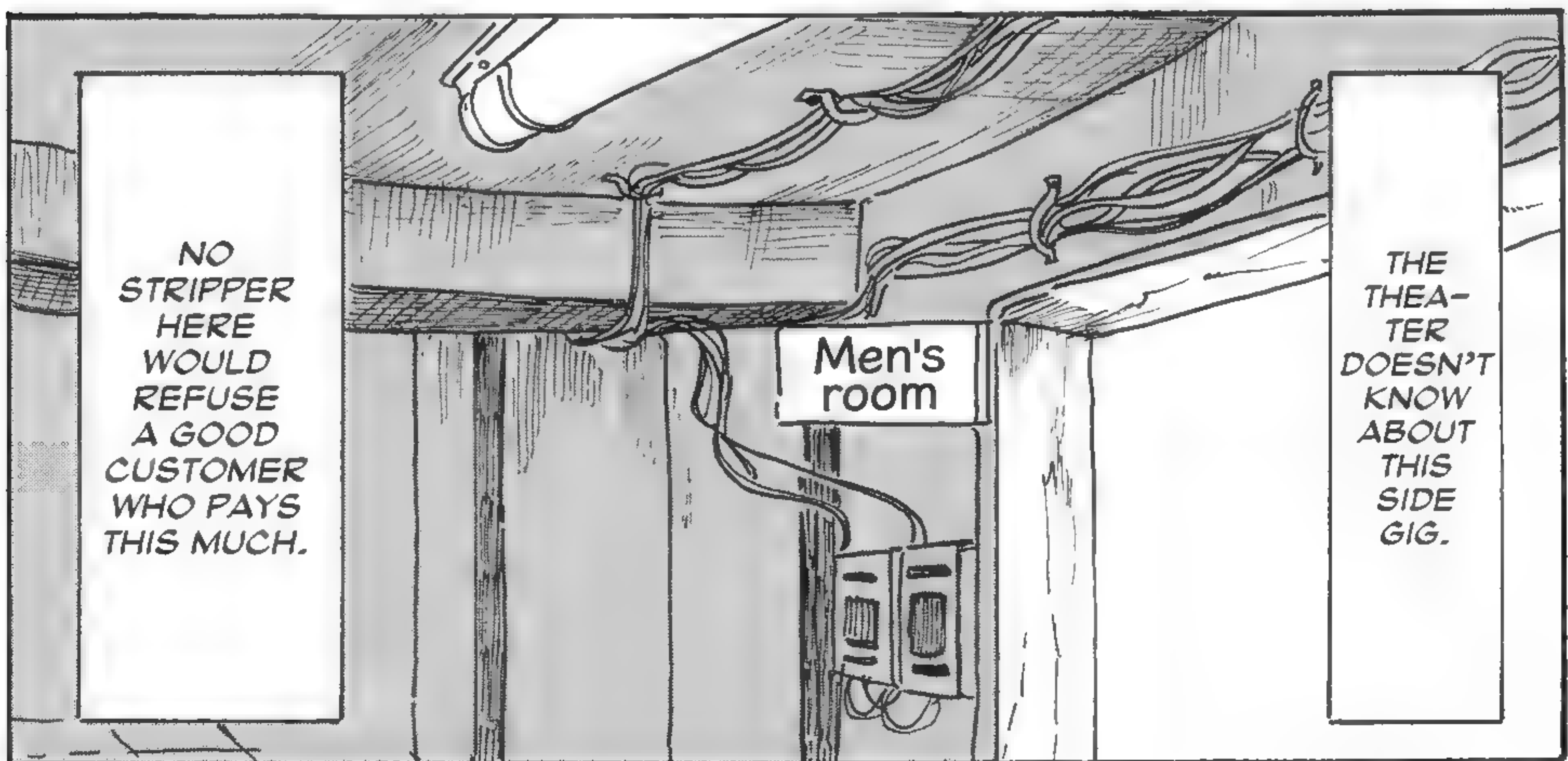
...AND
HERBI-
VORES
WHO
MAKE
FUN OF
ME!

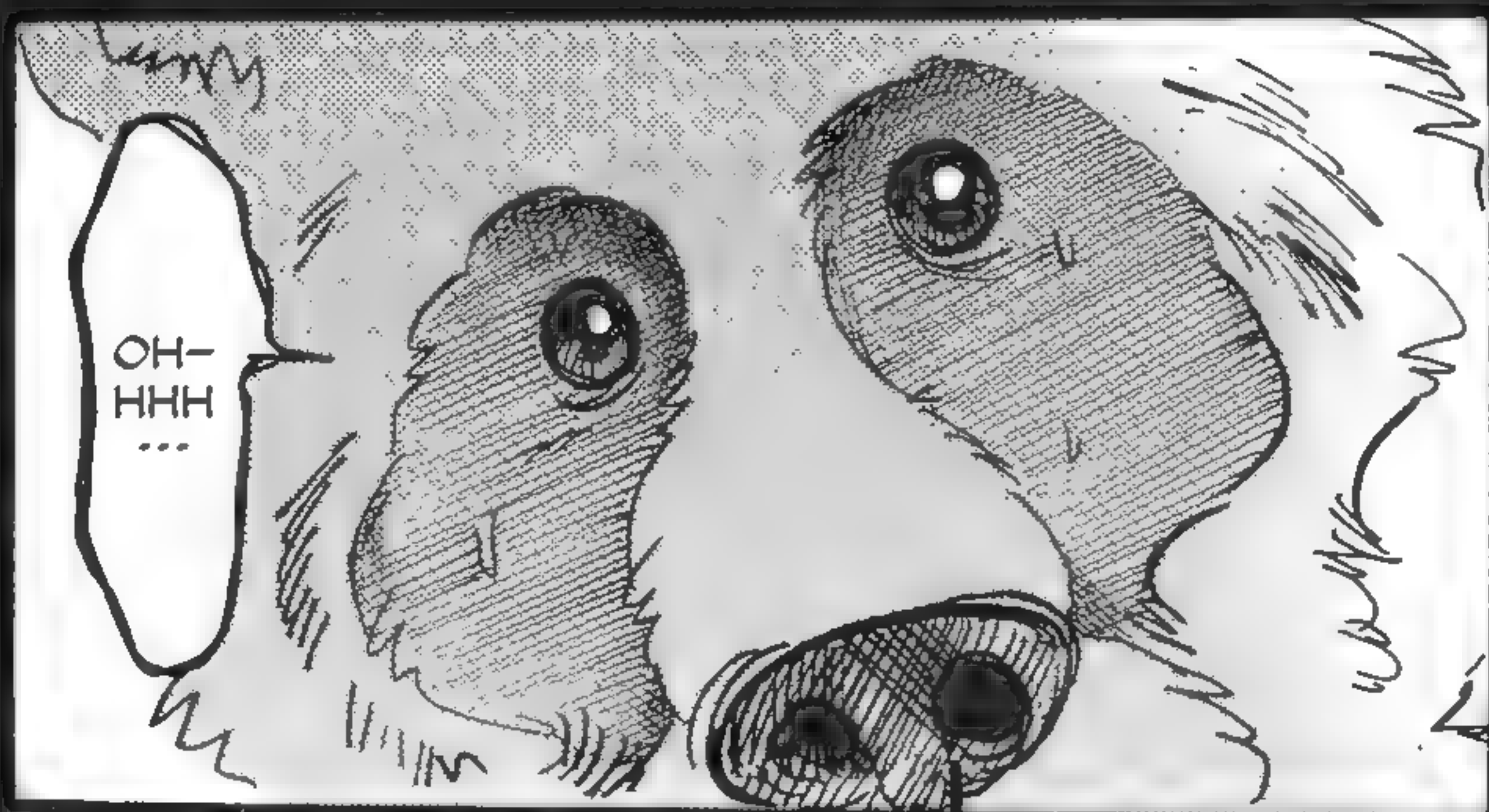
...ARE
CARNI-
VORES
WHO PITY
ME...



...

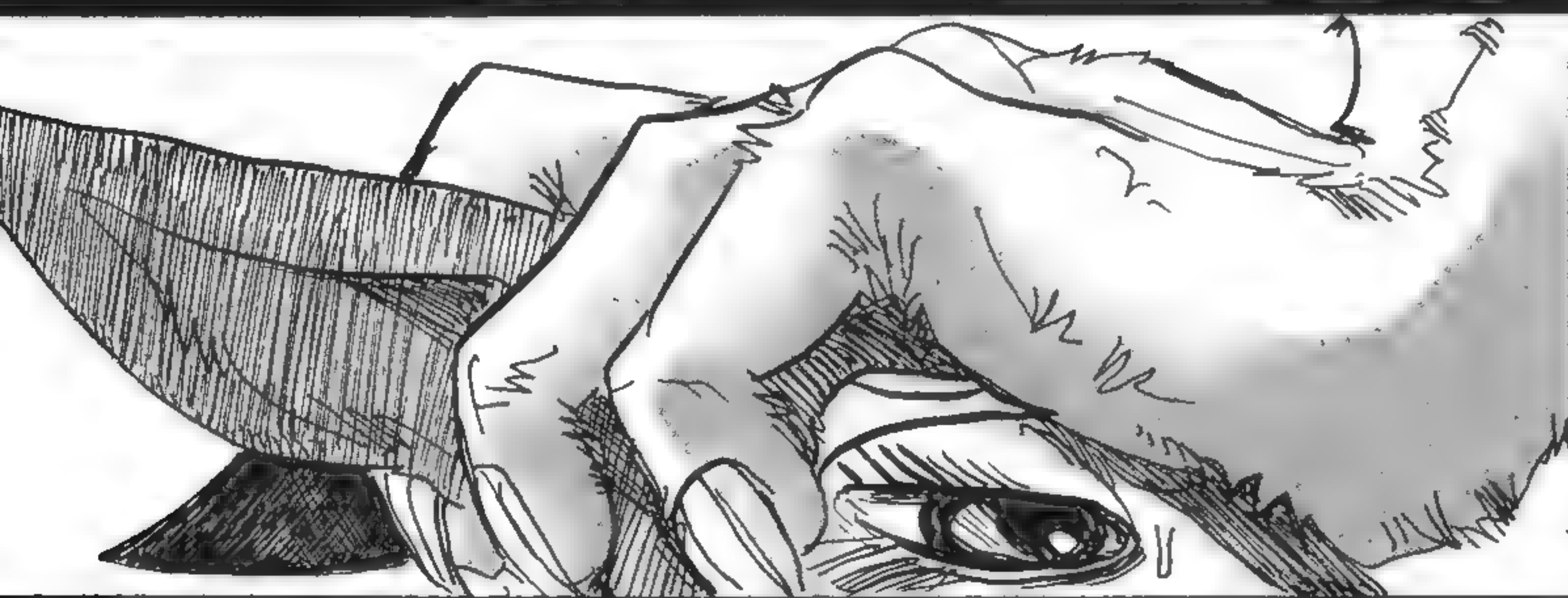
I DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE, BUT
YOU'LL GET
DEVoured
IF YOU DON'T
WATCH OUT!
A KID LIKE
YOU OUGHT
TO BE HOME
IN BED AT
THIS TIME
OF NIGHT!





I'VE
PROVID-
ED...

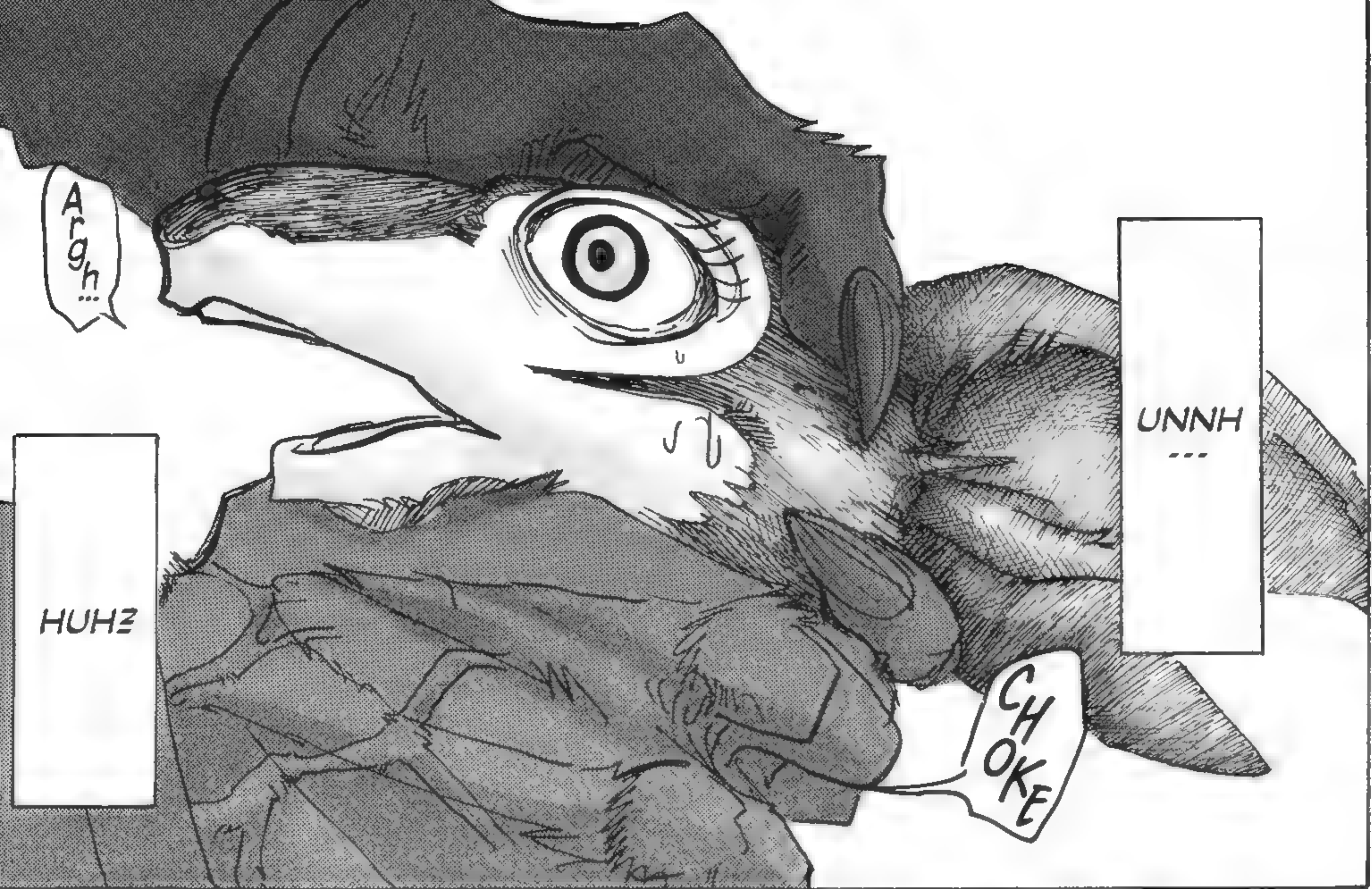
MR.
SPECTA-
CLED
BEAR
LIKES
ME...



...HE GRIPS
MY HEAD
TOO HARD.

BUT
EVERY
TIME I
DO IT
WITH
HIM...





Arggh...

HUHZ

UNNH
...

CH
OKE



SO
TODAY
IS...

GRRR...

OH
YEAH,
COSMO
...
GRRWL...

I...
GET
IT...



...THE
DAY
I
DIE...



THIS
THEATER
IS IN OUR
TERRITORY,
AND NO
BEAST HAS
FREE REIN
ON OUR
WATCH.
RIGHT,
BOSS?

HEY,
HEY!
STOP
THAT!



Chapter 65: The Value of Virtual Genes







YOUR
REBELLIOUS
PHASE HAS
ARRIVED
A BIT LATER
THAN I
EXPECTED...

HM...

Gon (age 55)
Head of Horns
Conglomerate



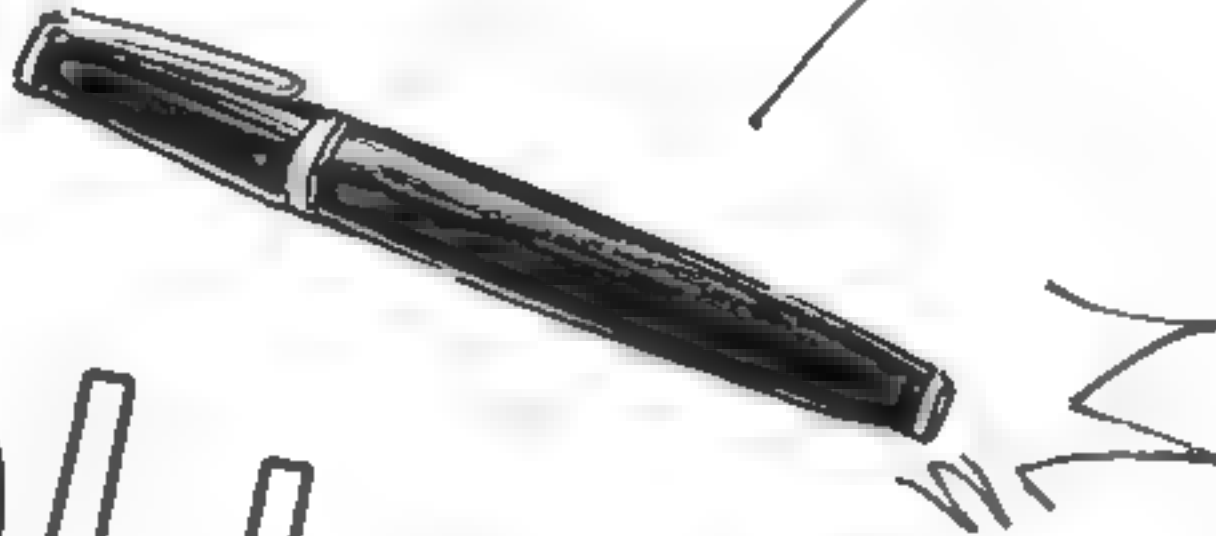
Withdrawal Notice

Cherryton Academy
Notice of Withdrawal
Student Name: *Louis*
Parent or Guardian Signature:

NOT
UNTIL THE
AGE OF
18...

I'M NOT
IN A
REBELLIOUS
PHASE.
IT'S JUST
THAT THE TIME
HAS FINALLY
COME...

FATHER
...




ROLL



...TO
OUR FAKE
RELATION-
SHIP AS
FATHER
AND SON.

...THE
TIME
...TO
SAY
GOOD-
BYE...



...THAT
I CAN'T
BECOME A
COG IN THE
WHEEL
OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

YOU
MUST
UNDER-
STAND
ALREADY
...



I'VE
EXPLAINED
THE
SITUATION
TO YOU, SO
PLEASE
SIGN MY
NOTICE
OF WITH-
DRAWAL.





I THOUGHT,
"I'M GLAD
THIS FAWN IS
SEEING THE
OUTSIDE WORLD
FOR THE FIRST
TIME ON A
BEAUTIFUL DAY
LIKE THIS"...



I WAS SURE
HE'D SEVER
OUR TIES
WITHOUT
LIFTING AN
EYEBROW!

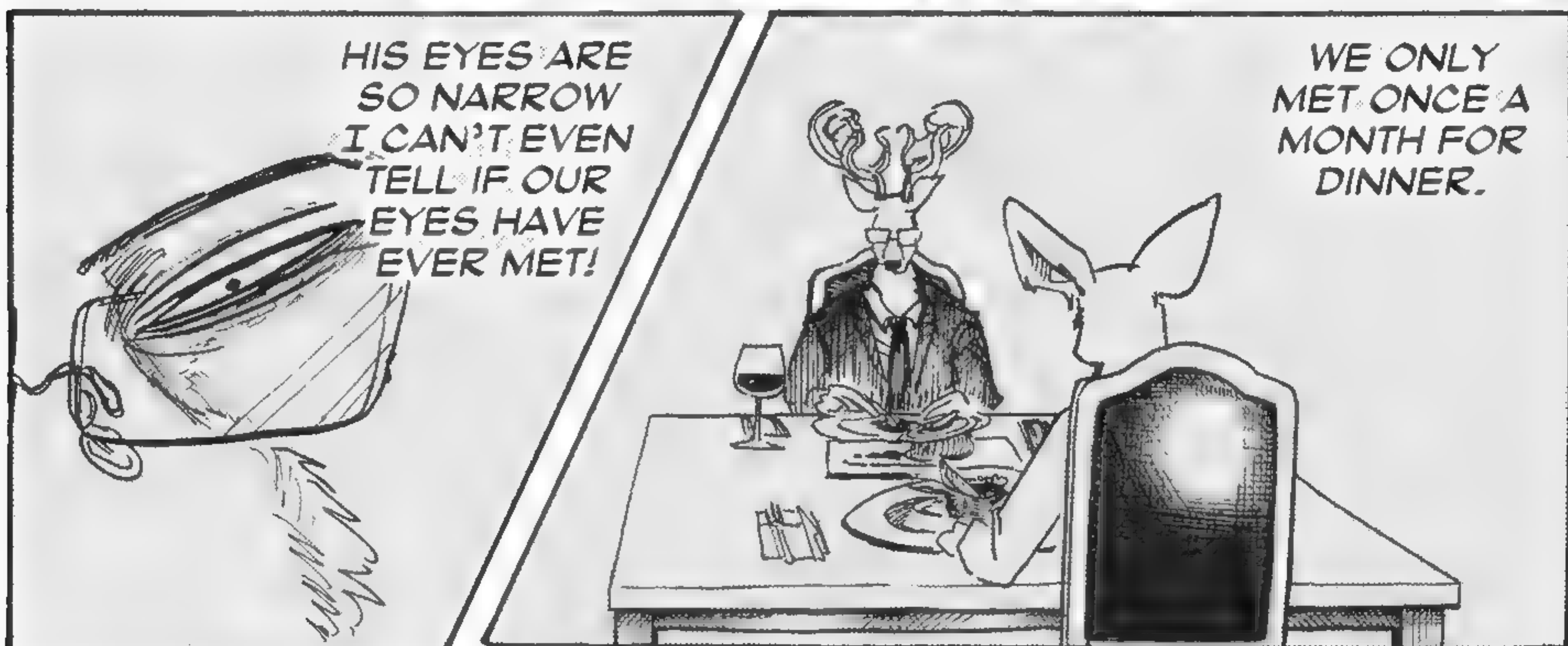


INSIDE,
I WAS
GRINNING
FROM EAR
TO EAR.



HE
PLAYED
THE PART
OF A
PARENT
MERELY
FOR
APPEAR-
ANCE'S
SAKE.

I'M NOT
DOING
WHAT YOU
WANT
ME TO
ANYWAY.
YOU
DON'T
NEED ME
ANYMORE.



HIS EYES ARE
SO NARROW
I CAN'T EVEN
TELL IF OUR
EYES HAVE
EVER MET!

WE ONLY
MET ONCE A
MONTH FOR
DINNER.



NEVER-
THELESS...

I DON'T
HESITATE
TO SOLVE
PROBLEMS
WITH
FORCE.

I'M
THE
BOSS
OF THE
SHISHI-
GUMI
NOW.

FATHER
...
I
TOLD
YOU...

I NEVER
HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT HE'S
THINKING...

**I'VE
ALWAYS
LOOKED
UP TO
YOU.**

**OUR
RELATION-
SHIP IS
OVER.
SIGN THAT
FORM...**

...NOW.

Withdrawal
Notice

**I WAS
BORN
IN THE
BLACK
MARKET.**

**I CAN'T
AFFORD TO
CAUSE HIM
ANY MORE
TROUBLE.**



PLEASE!

SO PLEASE...

**LET ME
GO BACK
TO WHERE
I BELONG!**

**I CAN'T
CHANGE
MY
ORIGIN,
MY LIN-
EAGE...**



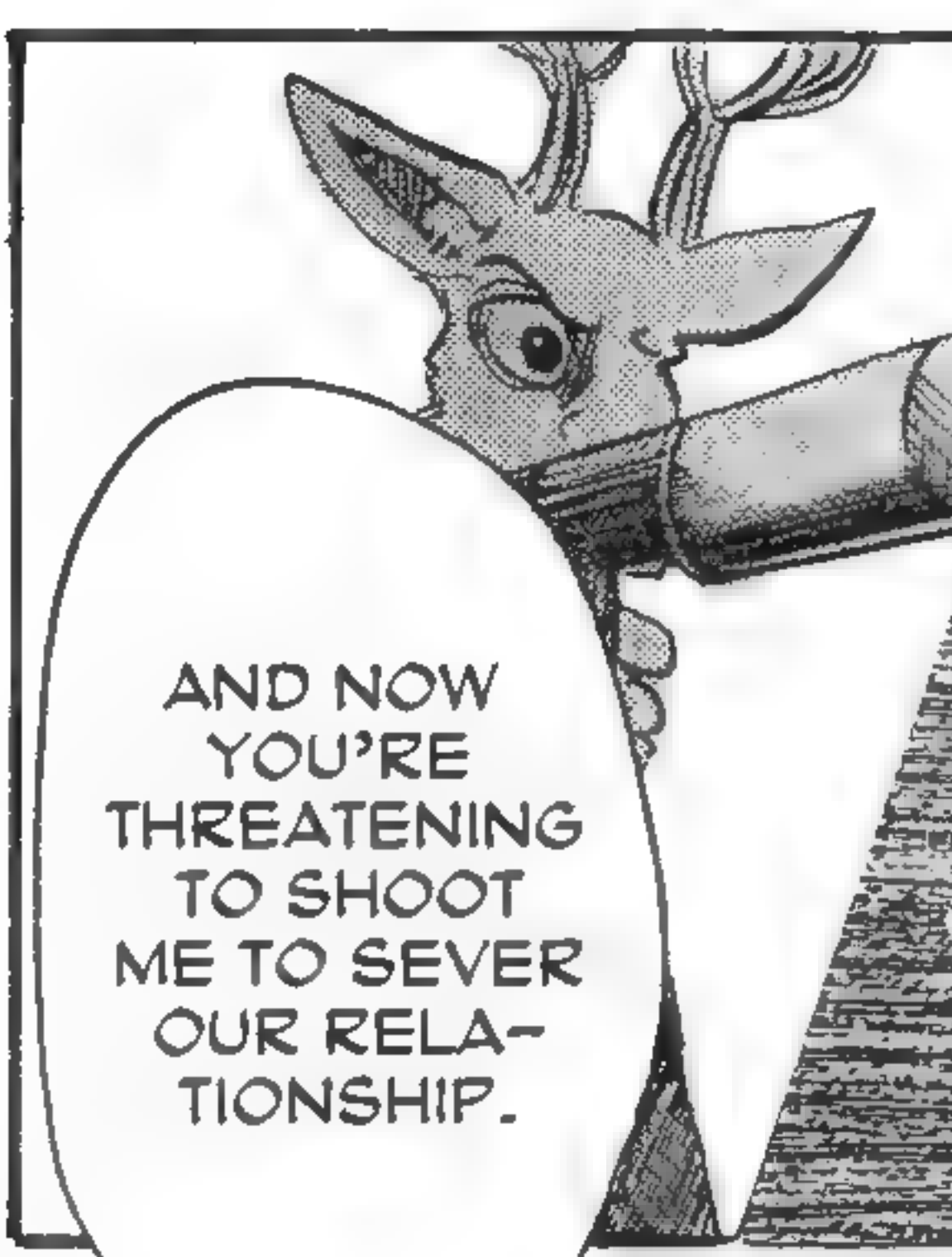
**I
CHOSE
YOU
BECAUSE...**

**I
KNOW
YOU'RE
DIFFER-
ENT.**




**...HOW
FOOLISH-
LY YOU
BEHAVED.**

**...I
COULDN'T
HELP BUT
RESPECT...**




AND NOW
YOU'RE
THREATENING
TO SHOOT
ME TO SEVER
OUR RELA-
TIONSHIP.



AT 18,
YOU'VE
RISEN
PRECIPITOUSLY
FAST TO
THE TOP
OF THE
SHISHI-
GUMI.

WHEN YOU
WERE FIVE,
YOU TRIED TO
COMMIT
SUICIDE
RATHER
THAN LET A
CARNIVORE
DEVOUR
YOU.



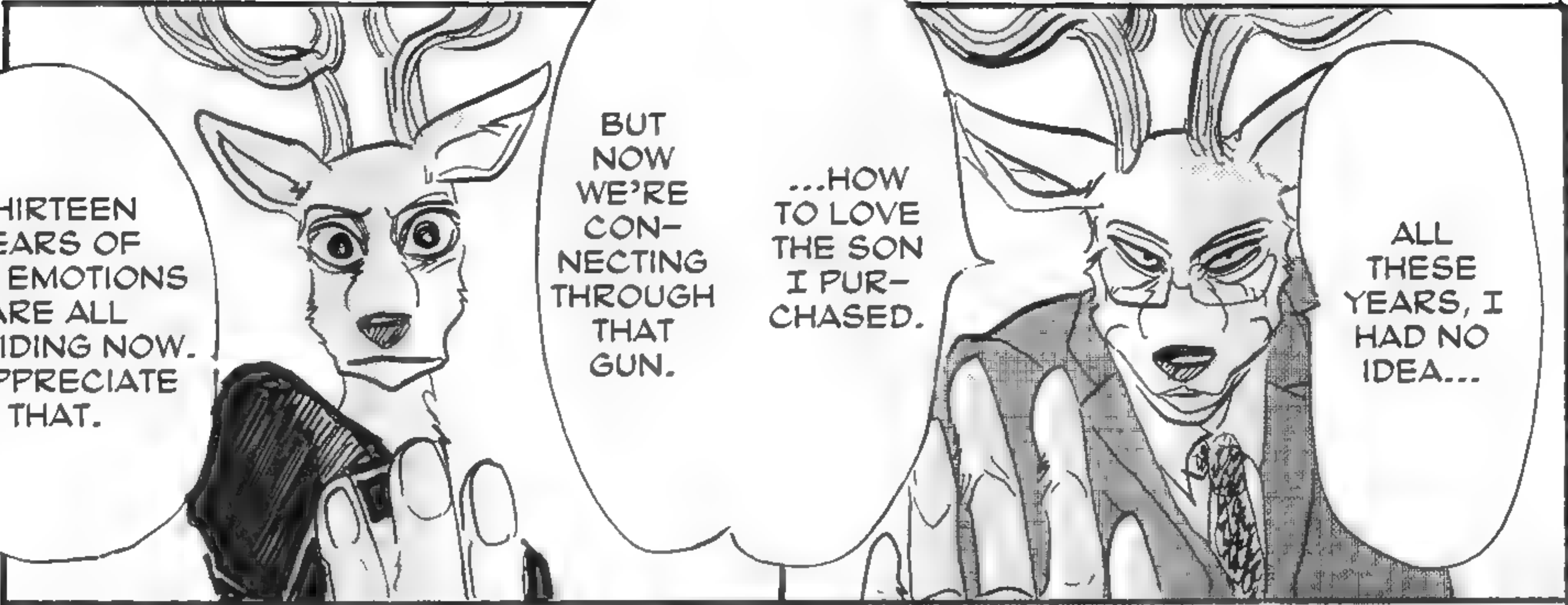
IT'S NO
WONDER
YOU'RE THE
STAR OF
THE DRAMA
CLUB.

YOUR
ACTIONS ARE
FOOLISH.
BUT YOU
IMPROVISE
WELL...



HOW
CAN
YOU
SAY
THAT?

YOU
NEVER
CAME TO
SEE ME
PERFORM
ONSTAGE!
NOT ONCE!




THIRTEEN
YEARS OF
OUR EMOTIONS
ARE ALL
COLLIDING NOW.
I APPRECIATE
THAT.

BUT
NOW
WE'RE
CON-
NECTING
THROUGH
THAT
GUN.

...HOW
TO LOVE
THE SON
I PUR-
CHASED.

ALL
THESE
YEARS, I
HAD NO
IDEA...



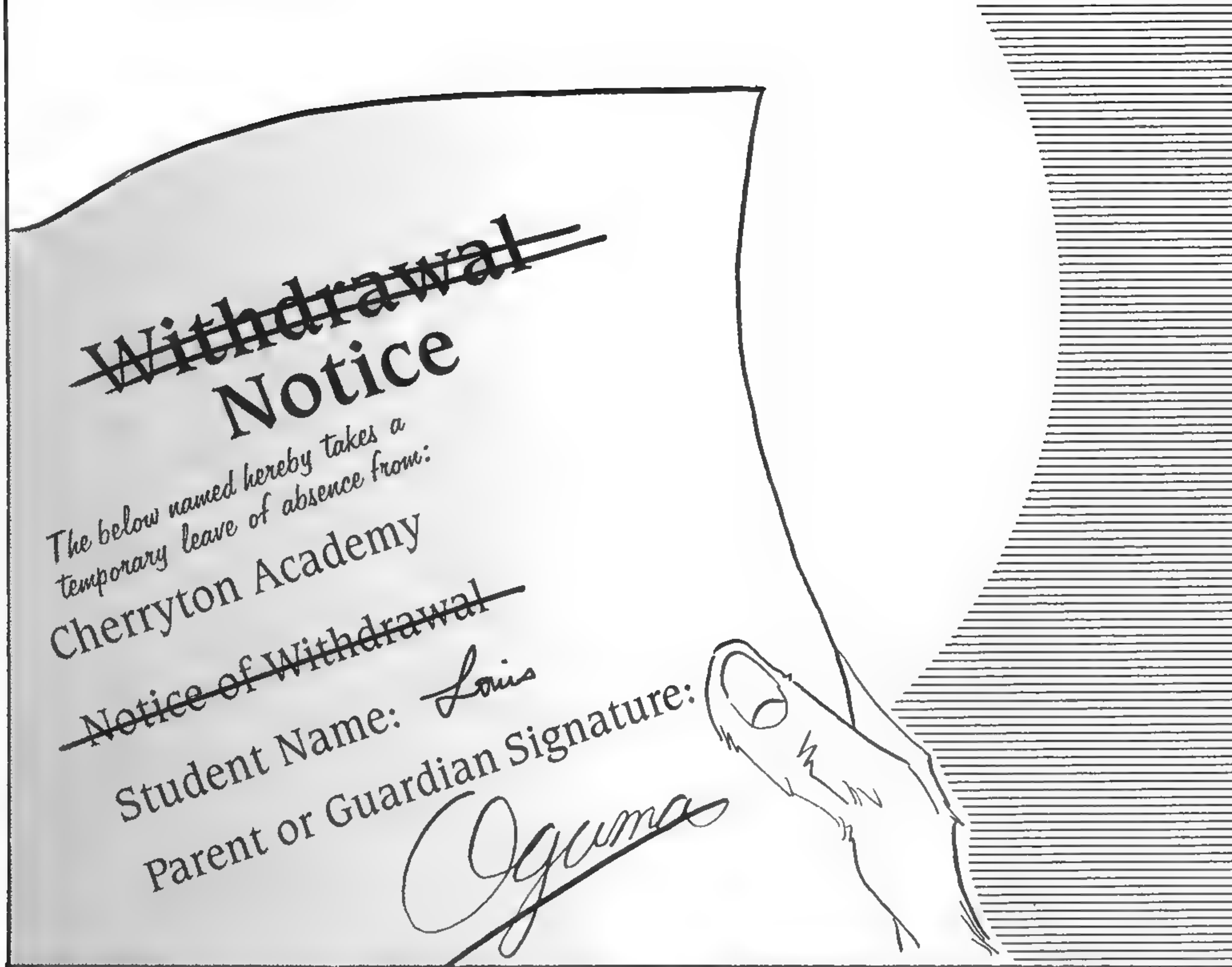
...AND BE
REMEMBERED
AS THE HEAD OF
A CONGLOMERATE
WHO COMMITTED
SUICIDE OUT OF
DESPAIR BECAUSE
HIS SON HAD
TURNED INTO A
CRIMINAL.

I'D
WILLINGLY
REFUSE TO
SIGN THIS
PAPER AND
LET YOU
SHOOT
ME...



HEH
HEH...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
OF THAT,
SON...?





I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU
SHOWED
UP...

WOW!



HEY,
BARTENDER—
TWO 100
PERCENT
VEGGIE
JUICES!

HEH HEH...
I GET IT.
BUT THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHY WE
CAN
HAVE
FUN
TOGETHER.

JUST
THIS ONCE
THOUGH.
I HAVE NO
INTENTION OF
BECOMING
FRIENDS JUST
BECAUSE
WE'RE BOTH
HERBIVORES.







RETURN
TO ME
WHEN YOU'VE
BECOME
STRONG
ENOUGH TO
PULL THE
TRIGGER ON
ME.



LEARN
FROM
YOUR NEW
POSITION.

HORNS
CONGLOMERATE
WON'T COLLAPSE
BECAUSE OF
YOUR DELINQUENT
BEHAVIOR.



...FOR
BETTER
OR WORSE.



...TO RUN
AWAY OR
GO HOME.

NO.
IT'S
TOO
LATE...

I'M WITH
THESE
LIONS...

LET'S
GET
BACK TO
HEAD-
QUAR-
TERS.

BOSS!

OKAY,
LET'S
GO.



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...BUT IT
DOESN'T
SHINE
BRIGHTLY
THERE
FOR
LONG.

LIGHT
SHINES
BRIGHTER
IN THE
DARK-
NESS...

IT'S
THE
SHISHI-
GUM!

OOH--

THE
NEW
SHISHI-
GUM IS
AWESOME!

SHISHI-
GUM!

Lion

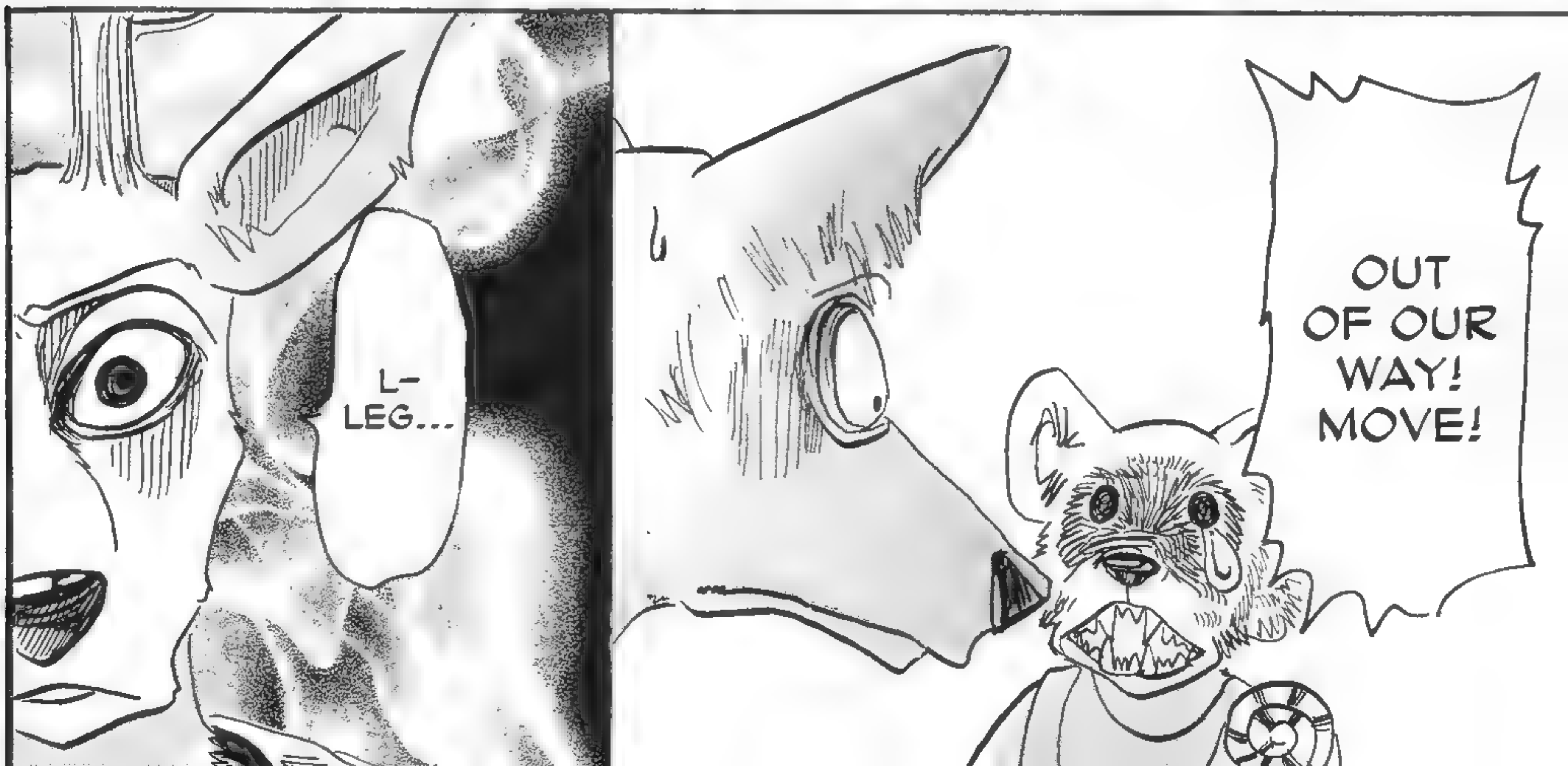
Lion

I'VE
MADE
UP MY
MIND.

I
BELONG
ON THIS
SIDE.

HEY--





Chapter 66:
A Star in the Stormy, Cold
Autumn Night Mourns for the Dead



**Chapter 66: A Star in the Stormy, Cold
Autumn Night Mourns for the Dead**



**ARE
YOU
LISTEN-
ING,
PUNK?!**

**MOVE
ASIDE!
GET
GOING
!**



WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?

LEGO-
SHI
...?

...

YOUR
IMMATURE
JUDG-
MENTS...

YOUR
RIPPED
BODY...

I FEEL
TERRIBLE
WHENEVER
I THINK OF
YOU.

...THE
LAST
BEAST
IN THE
WORLD
I WANT
TO
SEE?!

WHY
AM I
RUN-
NING
INTO
YOU
...

...I'D
EVER
EX-
PECT
TO
FIND
YOU!

THIS
IS THE
LAST
PLACE
...



Jaguar crime syndicate
Madara-gumi

THERE
YOU ARE,
SHISHI-
GUMI...
WE'VE
BEEN
LOOKIN'
EVERY-
WHERE
FOR YOU!
YOU'VE
BEEN
PUSHIN'
YOUR LUCK
THESE
DAYS,
THROWIN'
YOUR
WEIGHT
AROUND
EVERY-
WHERE...

NO
HAIR-
BALLS
ALLOWED
PAST THIS
POINT.

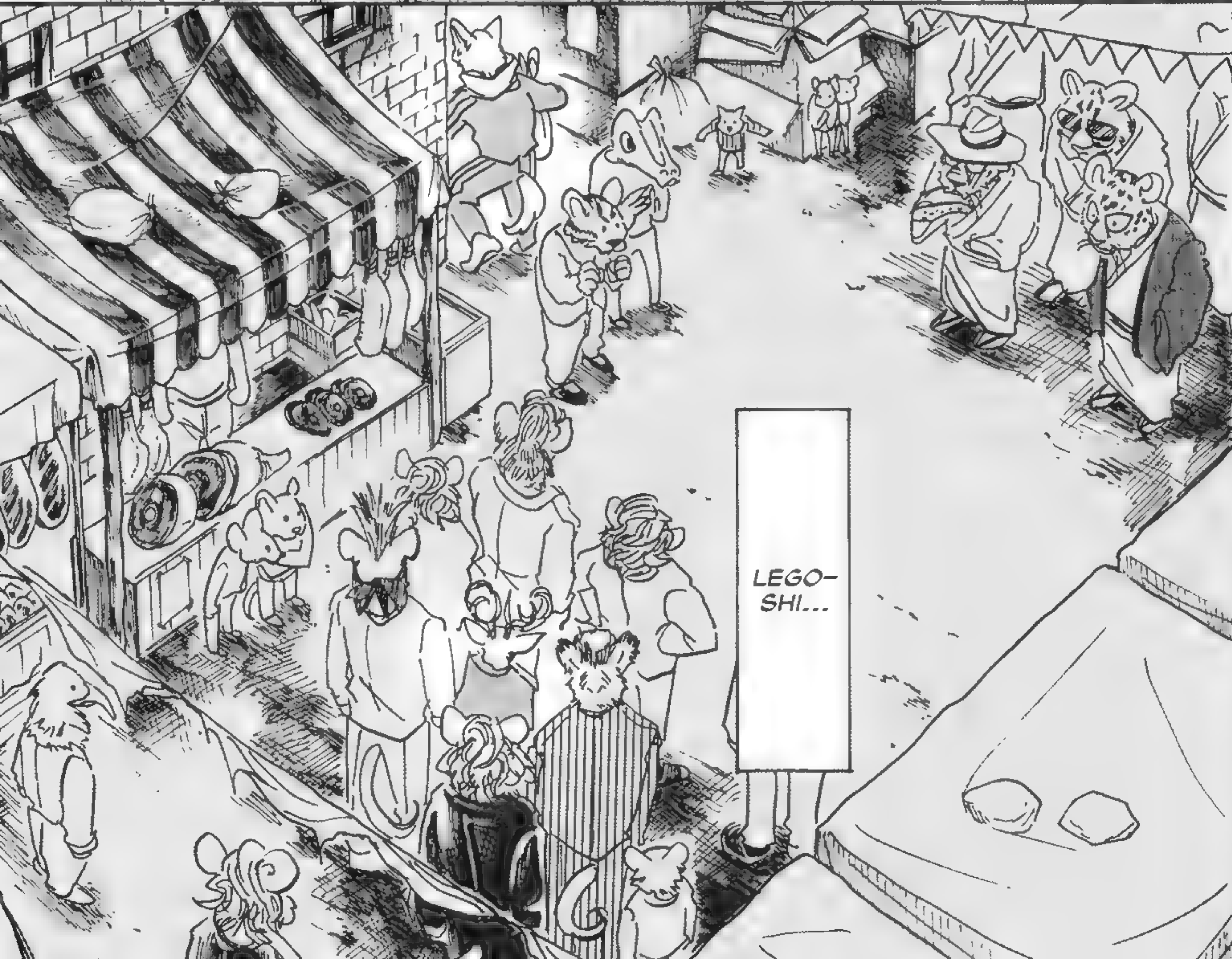
URK ...



WELL,
WELL...
AND I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
JUST A
BUNCH
OF OLD
GEEZERS
WITH AGE
SPOTS...

WE QUIT
WORRYING
ABOUT YOU
SMALL FRY
THE DAY WE
GOT OUR
NEW BOSS.

BACK
OFF...
WE MAKE
THE RULES
AROUND
HERE
NOW!



...AND
HE'S
CARRYING
IT LIKE IT'S
NOTHING...

HE
BOUGHT
SO MUCH
BLACK
MARKET
MEAT...

BOSS
...

BOSS.



THEY'RE
CALLING
ME.

GASP

BOSS
!



YOU
CAN TAKE
DOWN THE
MADARA-
GUMI IN
TWO
SECONDS
!

GO,
SHISHI-
GUMI!

TEACH
THEM
A LES-
SON!



WE WANT TO
GIVE THEM A
TASTE OF...
IT'S OKAY BY
YOU, RIGHT?

Rgh
Rgh

DON'T
EMBARRASS
YOURSELVES.
OTHER
BEASTS ARE
WATCHING.



READY
...Z!

ALL RIGHT!
I'LL SHOW
THEM WHAT
IT MEANS
TO BE KING
OF THE
BEASTS!

R R / P

DID HE
CHANGE
AFTER I
LEFT...?

Green
Fox
tail

WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO HARU?
TO THE
DRAMA CLUB?
WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO YOU?



HE
LOOKS
REALLY
DIFFERENT
TOO...



...HE HAD
SUCH A
CARNIVOROUS
SIDE...

I
HAD NO
IDEA...



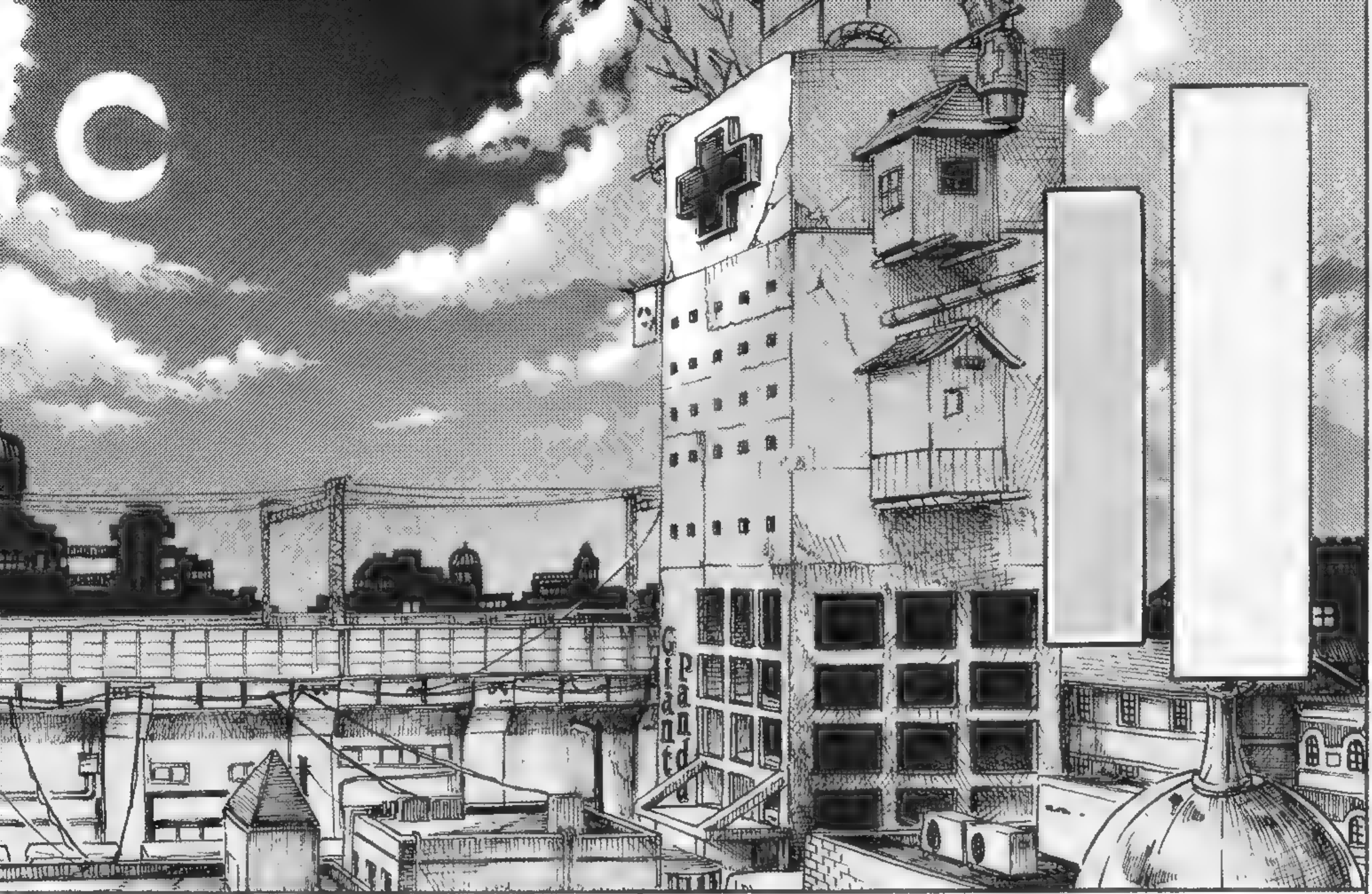


I'M
WAY
TOO
SOFT.

I'M A
FOOL.

...HE WAS
THE ONLY
CARNIVORE
WITH A
CONSCIENCE...

DEEP
IN MY
HEART, I
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
...



K
R
E
E
K



IT'S BEEN
A WEEK SINCE
LEGOSHI BEGAN
HIS MEAT
TRAINING.
HE HASN'T
GIVEN UP
YET.



BUT
OVERCOMING
THE DESIRE TO
EAT MEAT
THROUGH
MEDITATION SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE.
IT'S UNHEARD-OF.
I'LL HAVE TO
OBSERVE HIM
CLOSELY TO SEE
IF IT HAS ANY
EFFECT...

LEGOSHI.
IT'S ME.





HE
LOOKS
COM-
PLETELY
DIFFERENT
FROM
BEFORE.

HE'S NOT
SWEATING
AT ALL.

HE'S
TOUCHING...
...THE
MEAT?!



HUH?
YEAH
...?

UM,
GOHIN
...?

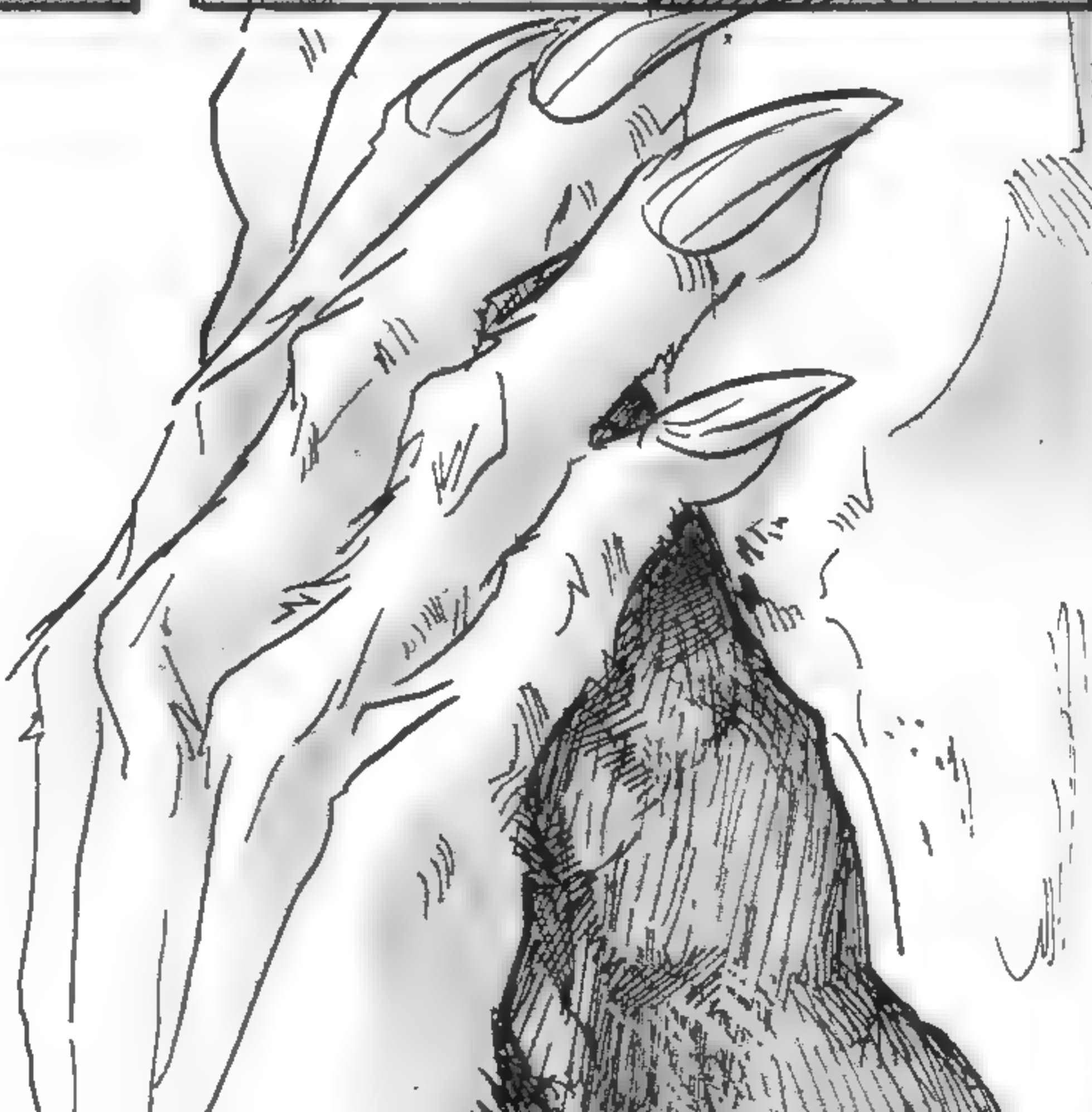


I'LL
OBSERVE
HIM FOR
A MO-
MENT...

HE'S IN A
DEEP STATE
OF CONCENTRATION...
FASCINATING.
HOW MUCH
HAS HE
CHANGED?

UH...
UM...
OKAY.

EXCUSE
ME...
I'M STILL IN
THE MIDDLE
OF MY
MEDITATION
SESSION,
BUT...
I'D LIKE TO
TALK TO
YOU.







BUT,
AFTER-
WARDS...
I FELT
BETTER.




I'VE
NEVER BEEN SO
ANNOYED WITH
ANYONE BEFORE!
I MUST HAVE
BEEN IN A
BAD MOOD
BECAUSE OF MY
TRAINING...

THIS SHEEP
MOCKS MY
INEXPERIENCE
AND AWK-
WARDNESS...




AND I
WANT TO BE
ABLE TO FEEL
SAD AND HAPPY
WITH THEM.

I WANT...
TO BE ABLE
TO GET MAD AT
HERBIVORES...




...WHILE
MEDITATING
WITH THESE
PIECES OF
MEAT HANG-
ING IN FRONT
OF ME.

I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT
THINGS LIKE
THAT...



CARNI-
VORES AND
HERBIVORES
ARE
ALL LIVING
BEINGS...
AND WE
ATTEND THE
SAME SCHOOL
TOGETHER.

I'VE
FORGOT-
TEN THAT'S
TOTALLY
NORMAL...



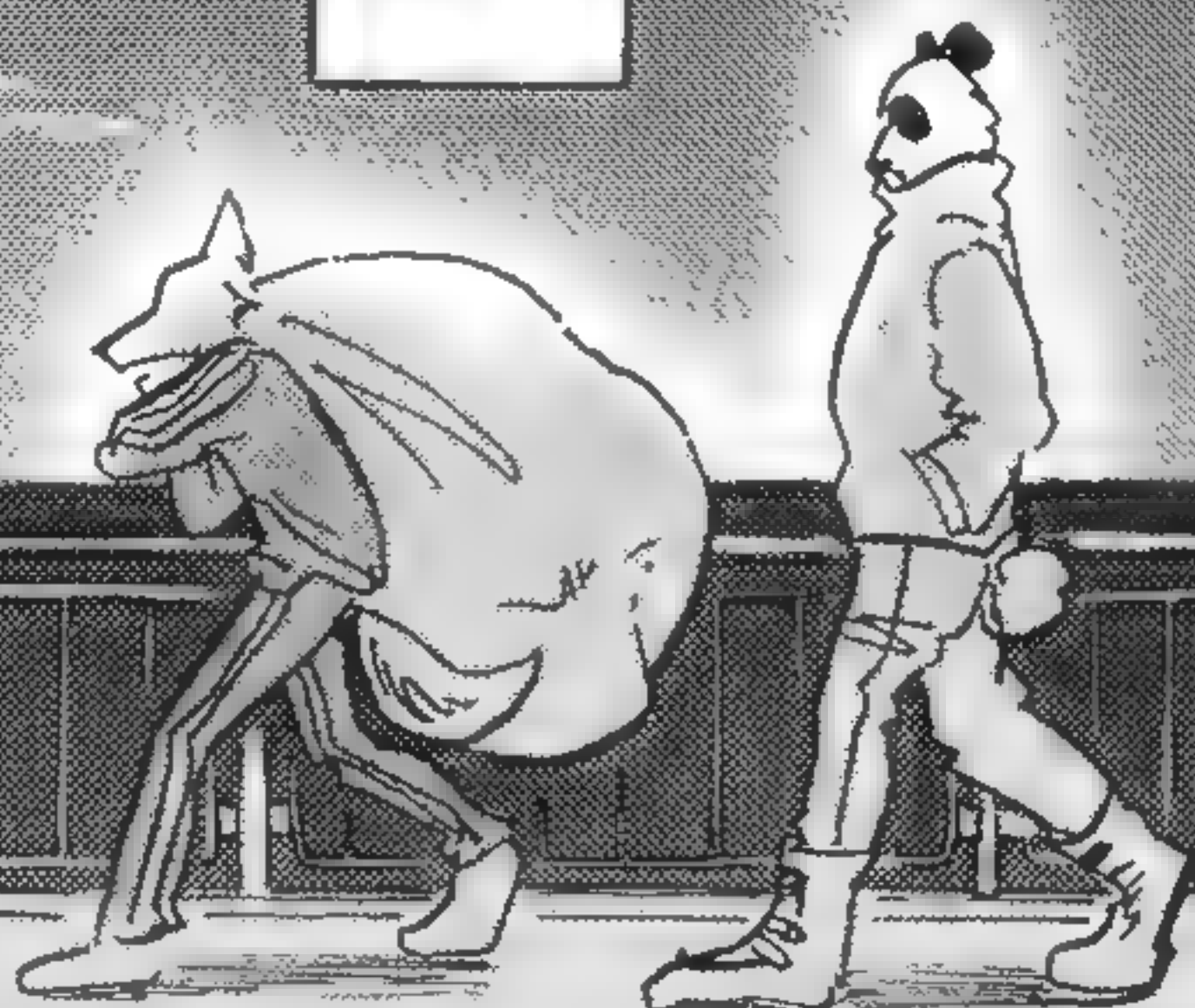
WOULD
YOU GO TO
THE FRIDGE
AND BRING
OUT ALL THE
PIECES I'VE
USED FOR MY
TRAINING?

YOU'VE
BEEN
BRINGING
OUT NEW
PIECES
OF MEAT
EVERY
DAY,
RIGHT?

...THAT
GIVES
OFF AN
INTENSE
SCENT.

I'M
TRUDG-
ING
UNDER
THE
BURDEN
OF THIS
HEAVY
BAG...

GOHIN IS
COMING
WITH ME.



...ARE
STIMULATED
BY THE
WEIGHT OF
THESE LIVES
ANYMORE.

IT'S
COLD!

BUT
NEITHER
MY NOSTRILS
OR MY
STOMACH...



THERE'S
NO WAY
TO TAKE
THE
MEASURE
OF THEIR
LIVES
NOW.

THE
FLAME
OF
THESE
BEASTS'
LIVES
BURNED
OUT.
THEY NO
LONGER
HAVE
CONSCIOUS-
NESS.

ALL
LIFE IS
EQUAL.



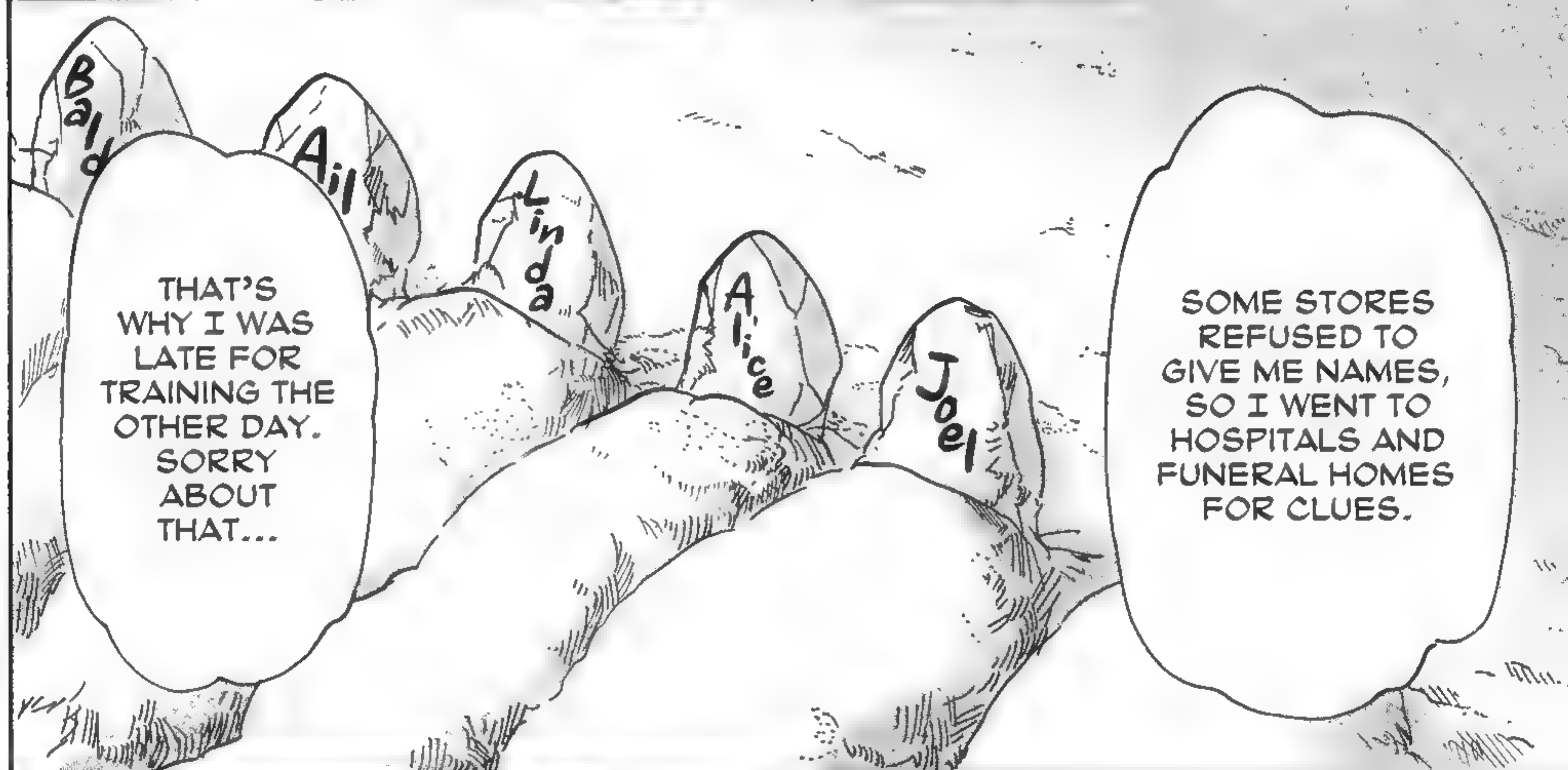




WELL...
YOU TOLD
ME TO
PROCURE
THE MEAT
MYSELF, SO
I ASKED THE
SHOP STAFF
FOR THEIR
SOURCES
AND SUPPLE-
MENTED THE
INFORMATION
WITH MY
OWN RE-
SEARCH.

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW THE
NAMES OF
ALL SEVEN
OF THOSE
PIECES OF
MEAT?!

HEY!



THAT'S
WHY I WAS
LATE FOR
TRAINING THE
OTHER DAY.
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT...


SOME STORES
REFUSED TO
GIVE ME NAMES,
SO I WENT TO
HOSPITALS AND
FUNERAL HOMES
FOR CLUES.



HE JUST
MIGHT...

LINDA
WORKED
AT A CON-
VENIENCE
STORE AND
SENT MONEY
TO HER
DAUGHTER.

JOEL
WAS SINGLE
HIS WHOLE
LIFE...
HE WENT TO
A PUB EVERY
WEEKEND.
BEASTS
LOVED HIM.



THEIR BODIES
ENDED UP AT THE
BLACK MARKET,
SO THEIR LIVES
WERE PROBABLY
UNHAPPY AT
THE END...

...BE
ABLE TO
PULL
THIS OFF!
THE ONLY
ONE EVER
TO DO
SO...

YOU CAN
DO IT,
LEGOSHI!

WHAP



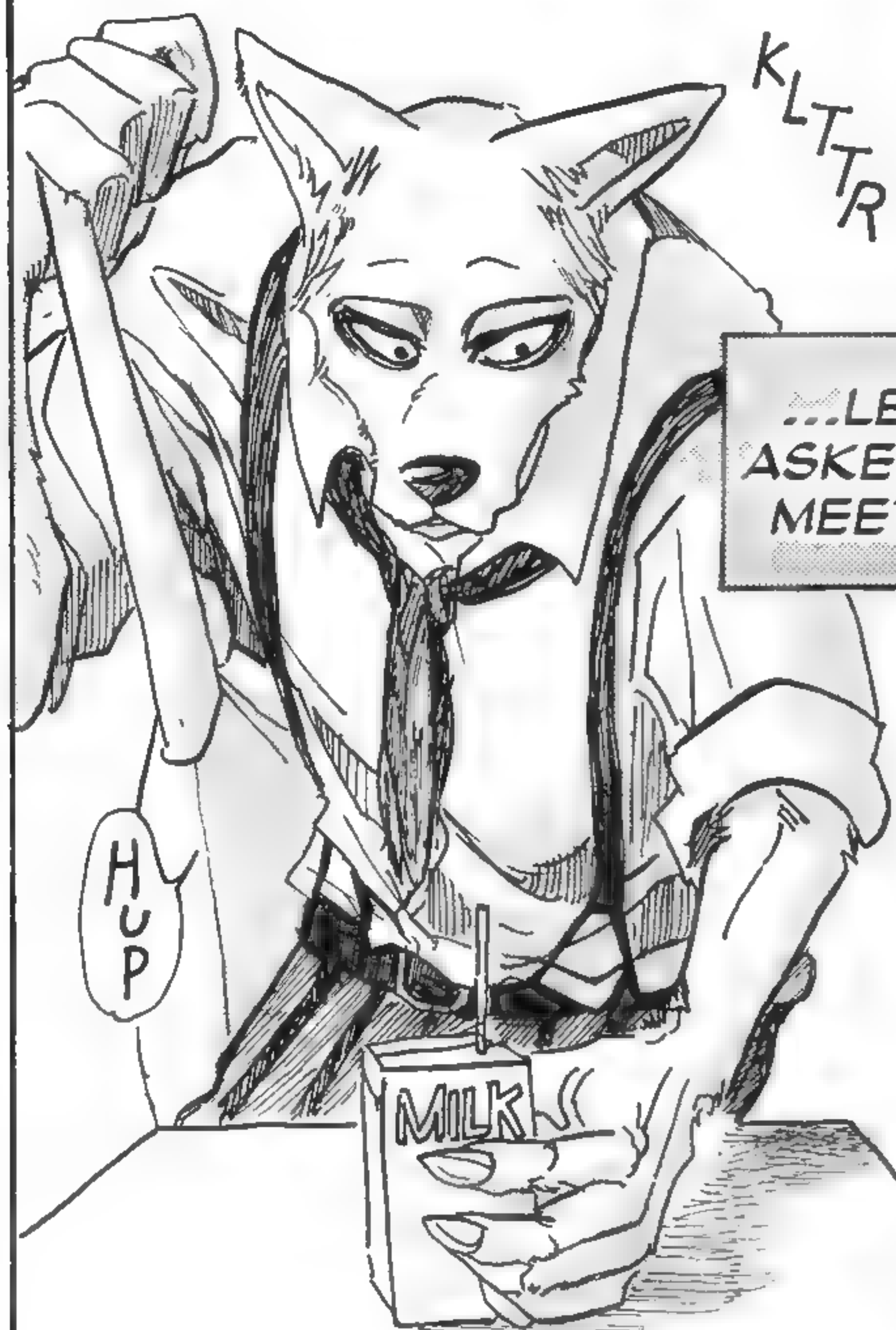
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BEASTARS

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OUT OF THE BLUE...



...LEGOSHI
ASKED ME TO
MEET HIM...



...AT LUNCHTIME TODAY.



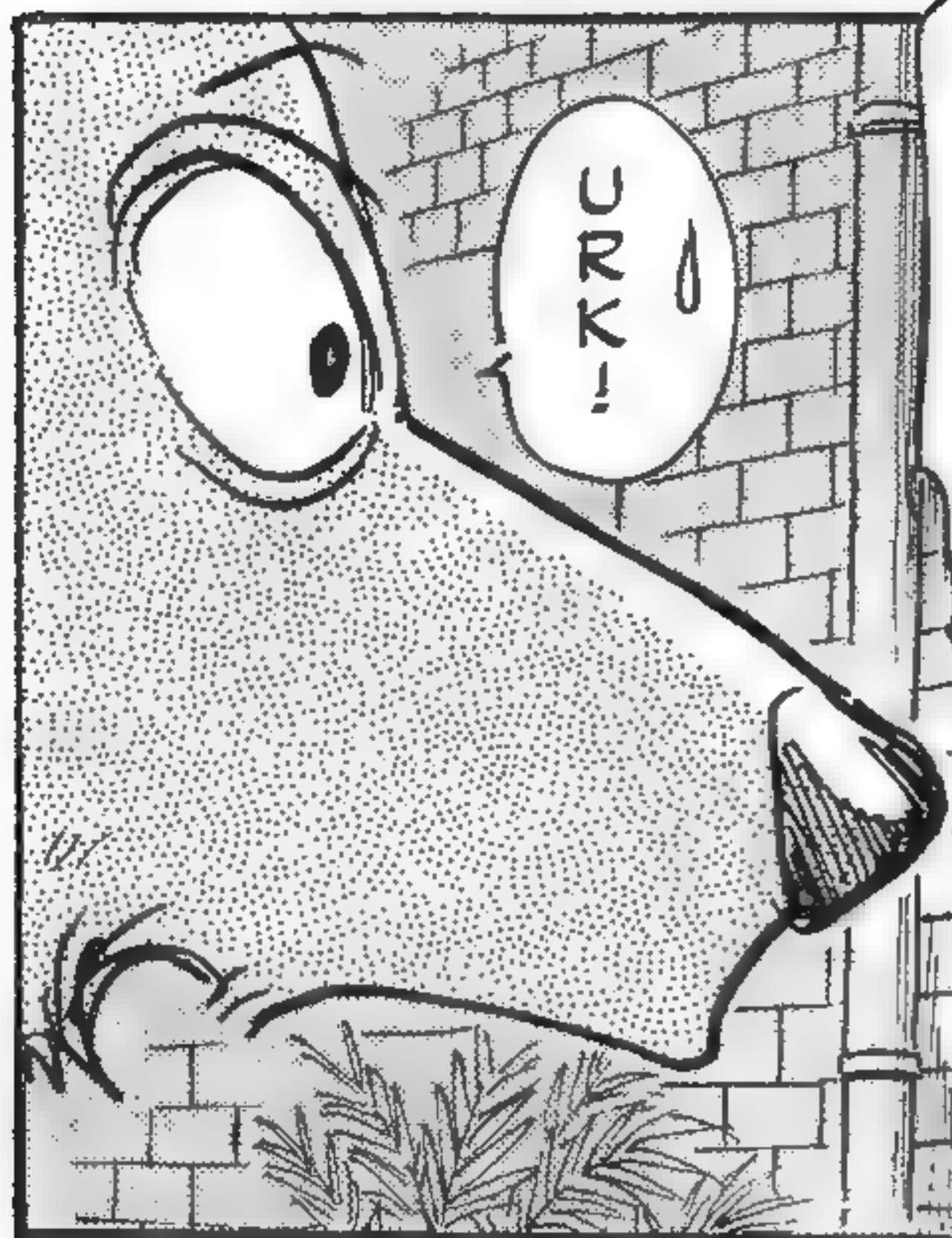
UM...
S-SO
HOW
COME
YOU
WANTED
TO SEE
ME?

WE'RE
ALONE
TO-
GETHER...
AT A
CORNER
TABLE...

THAT'S
OKAY.

THANKS
FOR
COMING.
SORRY
FOR THE
SHORT
NOTICE.





OH--

NO WAY!
NEV-
ER!



HUH?!
W-
WHY?!



DON'T
WORRY.
NO ONE'S
LOOKING
AT US.



UM...
THE
REASON
IS...I NEED
YOUR HELP.
I'M DOING
SOME
IMPORTANT
RESEARCH
ON FANGS.



ARGHHH! AND WHAT
HAPPENED TO HIS
FUR?! HE CUT IT TOO
SHORT! HE LOOKS
WEIRD! DAMN,
DAMN, DAMN!
WHAT THE HELL IS
HE THINKING?!
WHAT A HUGE
JERK!

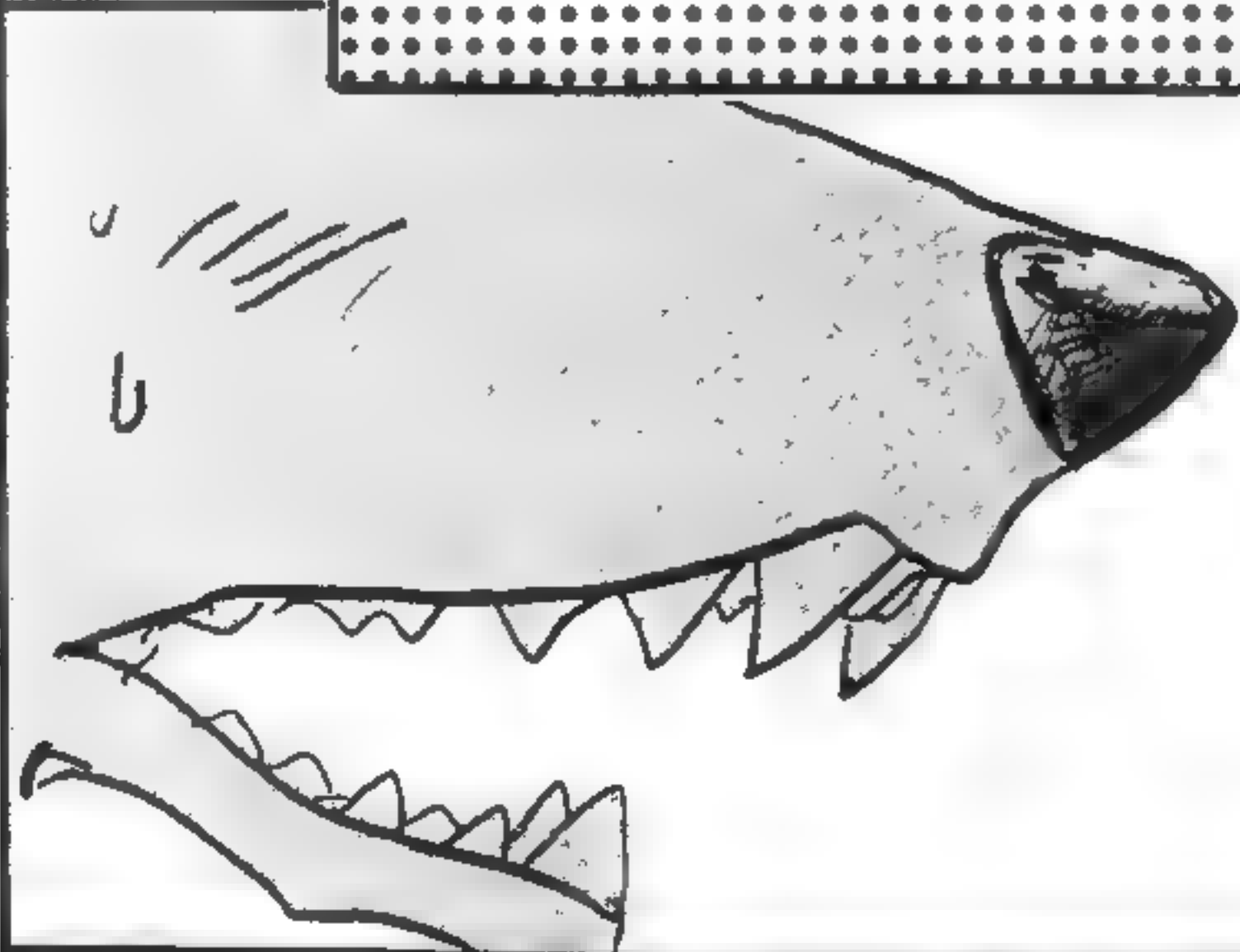
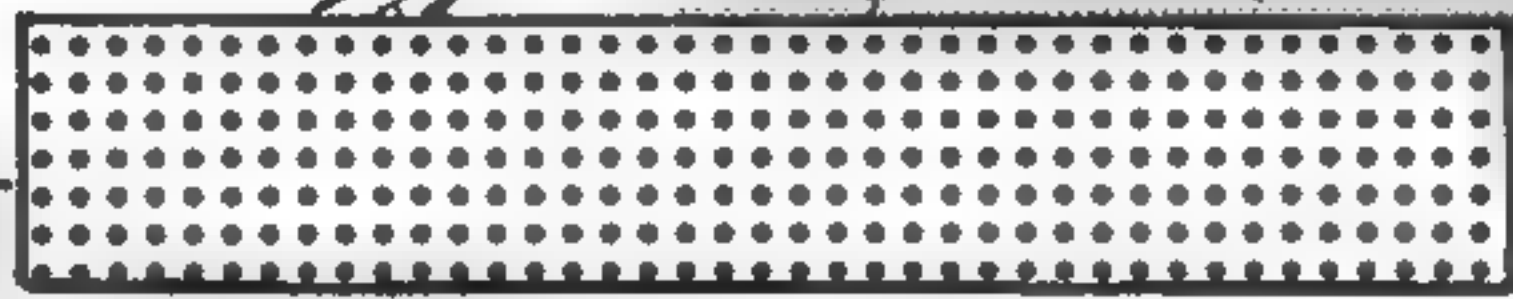
HAS HE
FORGOTTEN THAT
I TOLD HIM HOW
I FELT ABOUT HIM?!
DOES HE HAVE NO
CONSIDERATION
FOR MY FEELINGS?!

THAT'S NOT
THE POINT!
I DON'T
WANT YOU
TO LOOK!



SHE'S REACT-
ING
WORSE
THAN
I EX-
PECTED
...





WIDER?
W-WHAT
EXACTLY
ARE YOU
LOOKING
FOR IN
THERE?

UM...
COULD
YOU
PLEASE
OPEN YOUR
MUZZLE
A LITTLE
WIDER,
JUNO
...?



W-
WHY?!

I WANT
TO LOOK
DEEP INTO
YOUR
SNOUT...



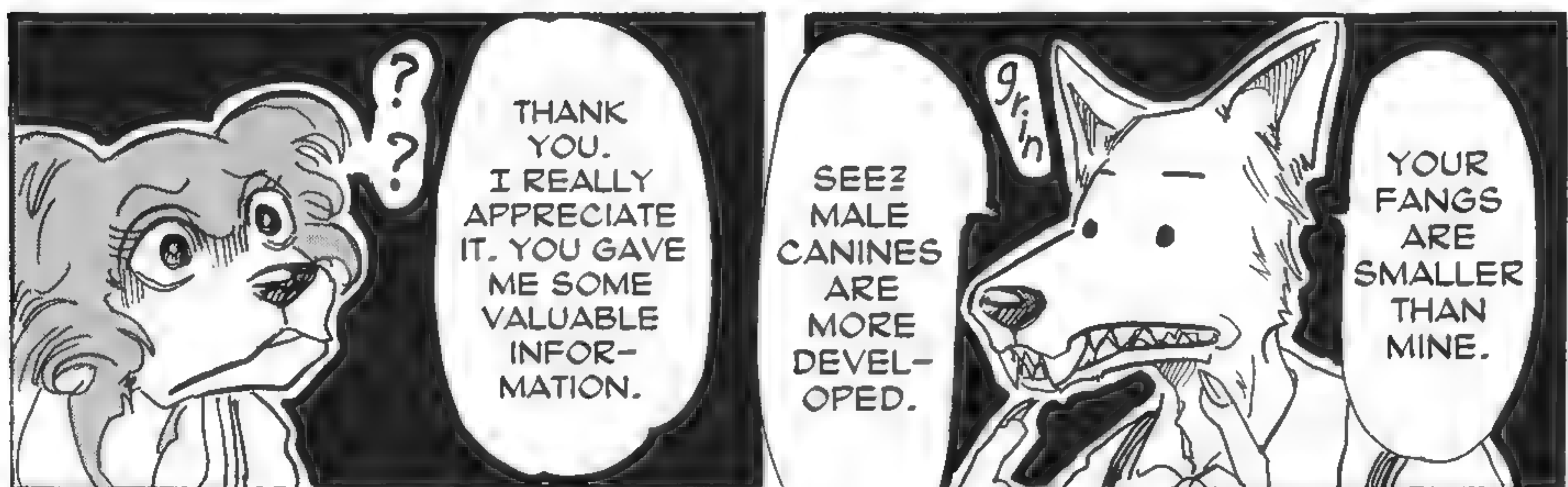




WHAT?

I SEE.
SIZE
DIFFERS
BY
GENDER.

I'M
BEGIN-
NING
TO GET
IT NOW.



?
?

THANK
YOU.
I REALLY
APPRECIATE
IT. YOU GAVE
ME SOME
VALUABLE
INFOR-
MATION.

SEE?
MALE
CANINES
ARE
MORE
DEVEL-
OPED.

grin

YOUR
FANGS
ARE
SMALLER
THAN
MINE.



WELP!
SEE
YOU
AT THE
DRAMA
CLUB!

THERE'S
A COLD
MAKING THE
ROUNDS, SO
BE CAREFUL
YOU DON'T
CATCH IT.
YOUR
COFFEE'S
ON ME!

☆
L'G



HEY,
GET
MOVING!
DO YOUR
PART!

Although-
I'm the
one who
stuck my
tongue
in his
mouth...

...BUT
COME
TO THINK
OF IT...I'M
KIND OF
CREEPED
OUT THAT
I FRENCH-
KISSED A
GUY!

I'M TRYING
TO REMEMBER
EVERY DETAIL
BECAUSE
IT'S ALL THE
EVIDENCE I
HAVE...

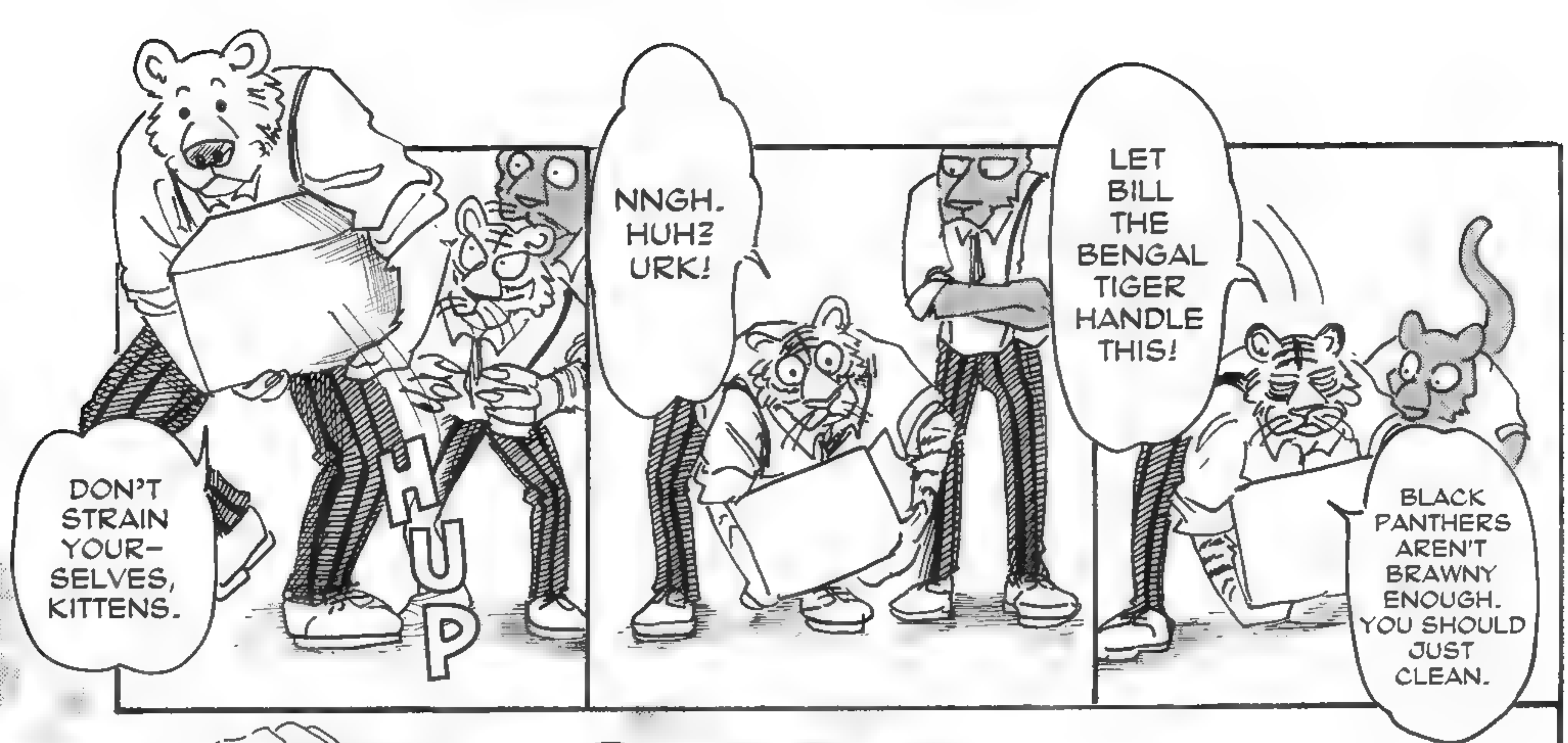


NNGH...
THIS IS
HEAVY!
WHAT'S
IN THIS
BOX?

THAT WAY
IT'LL BE
EASIER
FOR THE
SMALL
ANIMAL
MEMBERS
TO CLEAN
ALL THE
NOOKS
AND
CRANNIES
AND HIGH
SPACES
TOMOR-
ROW.

ONLY
THE
LARGE
ANIMAL
CLUB
MEMBERS
ARE
HERE
TODAY
TO
CLEAN UP
THE RE-
HEARSAL
STUDIO.

Meow...





THAT'S
ONE OF
THE BASIC
FACTS
ABOUT
CARNI-
VORES
THAT A LOT
OF OTHER
BEASTS
DON'T
KNOW!

A
CARNI-
VORE'S
STRENGTH
IS DETER-
MINED BY
ITS JAW!



THERE'S
A GAME
TO MEA-
SURE
THAT.

UM...
WAIT,
BILL!

HEH
HEH...
I'M GLAD
YOU
ASKED,
DOMU.

JAW
STRENGTH?
HOW
DO YOU
MEASURE
THAT?

HMPH...
YOU
DON'T GET
IT, AOBA.
FELIDAE
JUMP AT
ANY OP-
PORTUNITY
TO PROVE
THEIR
STRENGTH!

WE
CAN'T DO
THAT HERE!
THAT'S A
GAME WE
ONLY PLAY
AMONG
CARNI-
VORES.

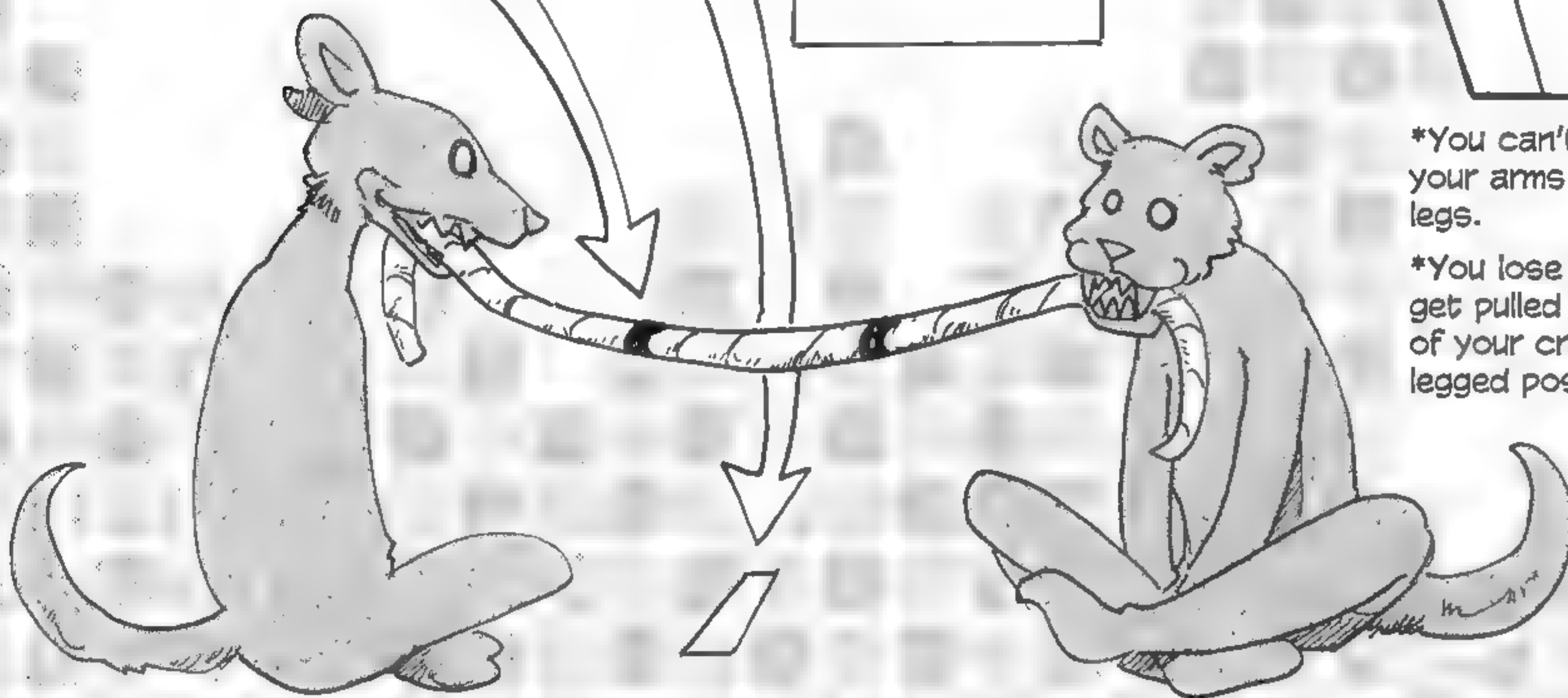
Rules of the game

(1) Place a strip of tape on the floor.
(2) Have each beast hold an end of a rope (a piece of cloth will do) marked off in two places. Then pull! The game is a simple contest of strength.

Tug-of-Jaw is a game male carnivores play with each other. You can do it anytime, anywhere. It's a lot of fun.

IS BILL TALKING ABOUT TUG-OF-JAW? HE CAN'T PLAY THAT HERE!

*You can't use your arms or legs.
*You lose if you get pulled out of your cross-legged position.



The rules are simple!



You win if you can pull the rope until the mark nearest your opponent crosses the line.

However, there's a problem...



...THIS
GAME...

I'VE
NEVER
HEARD
OF...

Conse-
quently,
playing
in the
company of
herbivores
is strictly
forbidden

Carni-
vores
playing
Tug-
of-Jaw
look
terrifying!



YEAH,
BUT...
PLAY NICE,
OKAY?

IT'S
LIKE
WATCHING
HERBI-
VORES
ARM
WRESTLE.

HEH HEH...
OF COURSE
NOT.
BUT THE
COMPETITION
IS FUN TO
WATCH, SO
ENJOY!

strrrrtch



EVERYONE'S
A CARNIVORE
TODAY.
THEY'RE
SO EAGER
TO PLAY...

WE
HAVE
STRONG
BEAKS
TOO!

WHO'S
GOING
FIRST?

MINE
TOO.
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE
SINCE
I LAST
PLAYED
!

OH YEAH!
MY JAW'S
CRACKING
ALREADY!



IF HE
WORKED FOR
AN EVENTS
COMPANY,
I BET HE'D
GET PROMOTED
FAST.

I DON'T
GET ALONG
WITH BILL, BUT
MAYBE I HAVE
SOMETHING TO
LEARN FROM
HIS POSITIVE
ENERGY...

BILL'S
TURNED
THIS SAVAGE
GAME INTO
ENTERTAIN-
MENT.

HEY,
BALDY
!

Whoa!!



**THE
FIRST
MATCH IS
BETWEEN
YOU AND
ME!**

**LET'S
SETTLE
THINGS
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!**



**BE-
SIDES
...**

**SO
WHAT
?!**



**I
DON'T
LIKE
THIS
GAME
VERY
MUCH.**

**NO
THANKS.**



ACTUALLY,
BILL'S
GOT A
POINT...


WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

YOU'VE
BEEN ACTING
CRAZY EVER
SINCE YOU
PUMMELED
ME ONSTAGE
AT THE
PERFOR-
MANCE TO
WELCOME
NEW
STUDENTS.
(VOL. 2, CH.
15.)
YOU HAVEN'T
PUT DOWN
THAT ROLE
SINCE,
FOOL!



GASP

HOLD
IT...



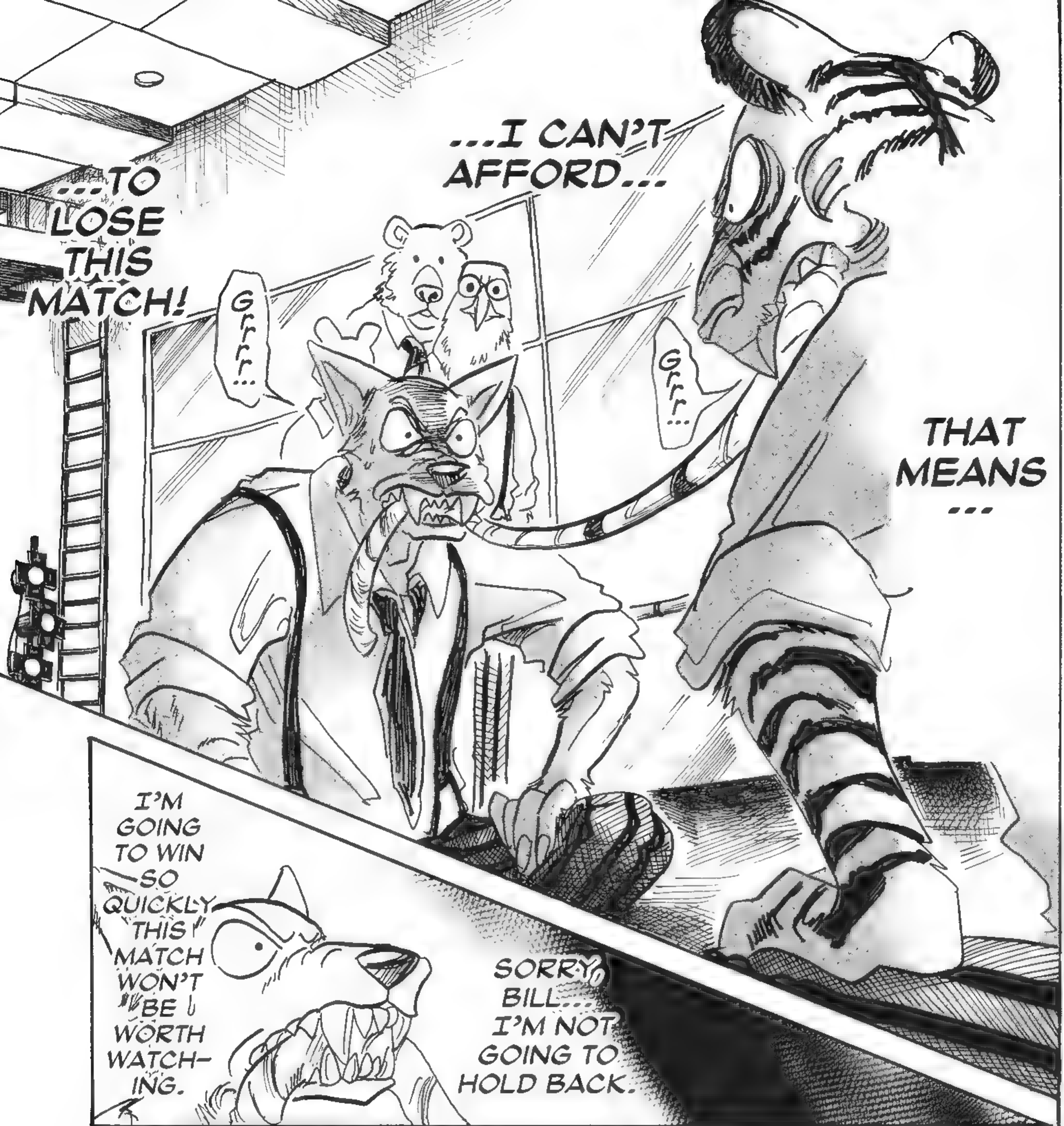
EVENTU-
ALLY...
I'LL BE
ABLE TO
FIGURE OUT
WHO KILLED
TEM!

IF I
WIN EACH
ROUND...



I
MIGHT GET
TO FIGHT HIM
HERE...THAT
BLACK SHADOW
WITH THE
MONSTROUS
STRENGTH!

AH. YOU
LOOK LIKE
YOU'RE
READY TO
FIGHT FOR
REAL
NOW.



...TO
LOSE
THIS
MATCH!

...I CAN'T
AFFORD...

THAT
MEANS
...

I'M
GOING
TO WIN
—SO
QUICKLY
THIS
MATCH
WON'T
BE
WORTH
WATCH-
ING.

SORRY,
BILL...
I'M NOT
GOING TO
HOLD BACK.



...
GO!

READY,
SET...

TUG



HUH
?!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE SO WEAK!

WHAT THE HELL Z!



Z!



I THINK I BROUGHT ONE TODAY FOR MY SNACK...



rf f/
rf f/



M-MY STRENGTH!

Everyone expected Legoshi to win.

Yeahhh! Awesome!



WHOA! I BEAT LEGO-OSHI, JUST LIKE THAT!

Z

Z

MY
STRENGTH.

CHMP

HOW
COULD
THIS
HAP-
PEN?
I'VE
BEEN
TRAIN-
ING SO
HARD,
AND...

...I
CLEARED
THE
FIRST
HURDLE!

MY
STRENGTH
IS GONE!

YET
I'VE
GOTTEN
WEAKER
...

Why
...?!

Chapter 68: Greetings, Cold Lips and Blazing Hands



Physicals, High School
Second-Years



WOW,
THAT'S
INCREDIBLE!
THE AVERAGE
JAW STRENGTH
OF A LARGE
WOLF IS ABOUT
2,900 PSI.



4,196 PSI
BLED

Urk!
I'm never
going to play
Tug-of-Jaw
with you!



Well...

You got
4,196 psi?
Whoa! That's
almost
4,200!



I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT'S
HAP-
PENED
TO MY
BODY!



THAT
WAS
SEVERAL
MONTHS
AGO.
BUT NOW
THE MOST
I CAN DO
IS LEAVE
TEETH
MARKS
IN AN
APPLE!



CALM
DOWN AND
THINK FOR
A SECOND...
WHAT'S
CHANGED
SINCE YOUR
PHYSICAL?!

39
years
old
↓

WHAT
?!

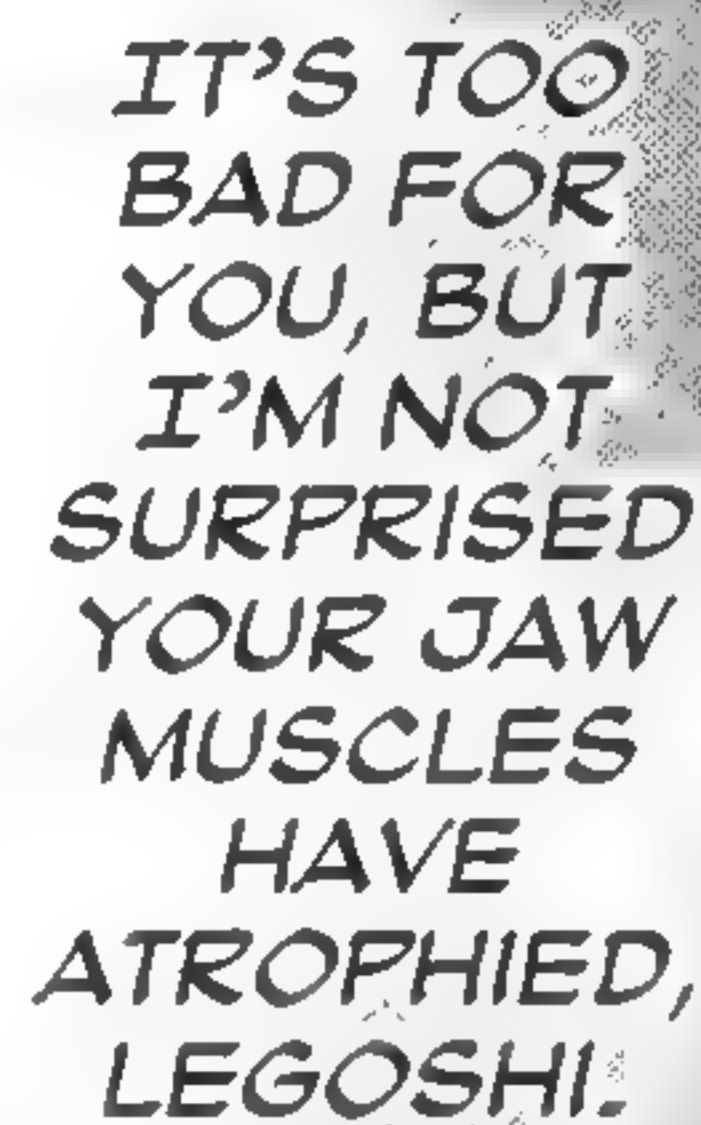
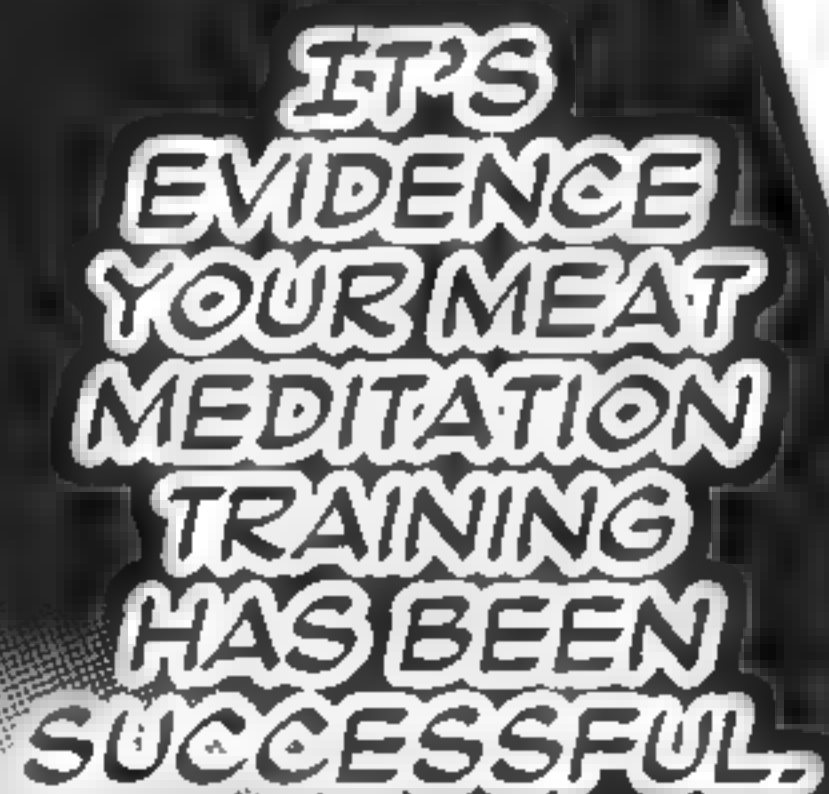
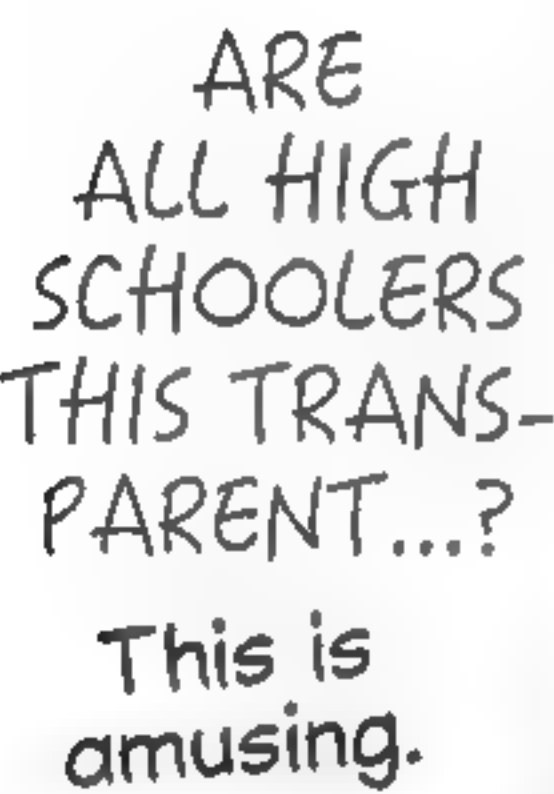
AM I
GETTING
OLD?



THAT'S
WHAT
TRIGGERED
THE CHANGE
IN YOUR
BODY.
SHE MUST
BE THE
REASON
YOUR JAW
MUSCLES
HAVE
ATROPHIED.

S
i
g
h...

WELL...
I HAD MY
PHYSICAL IN
THE SPRING.
I THINK I
MET HARU
FOR THE
FIRST TIME A
FEW DAYS
AFTER
THAT.



...WHEN
EVERY
BEAST
AROUND
YOU IS
EATING
HERBI-
VORE
MEAT!

...YOU
HAVE
THE
GUTS TO
OPENLY
YEARN
FOR A
RABBIT...

QUIT
SIGH-
ING
SO
WIST-
FULLY
!

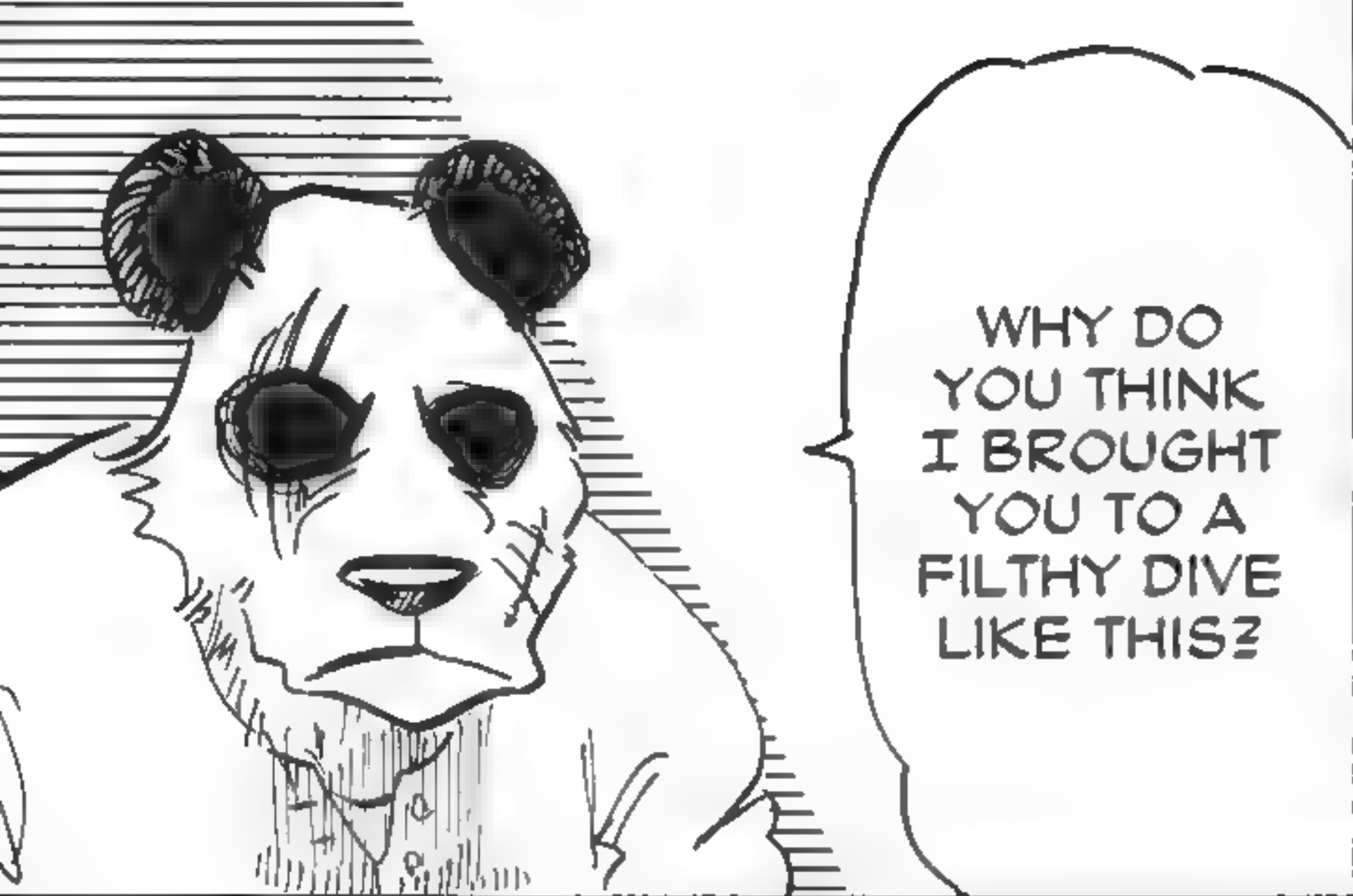
SIGH
...

At a pub in the black market...

GO
ON...

UM,
GOHIN
...

I'VE
GOT TO
TEST HIM
TO SEE
HOW HIS
BODY HAS
CHANGED...



WHY DO
YOU THINK
I BROUGHT
YOU TO A
FILTHY DIVE
LIKE THIS?



WE'RE
ON DUTY.



I'M GLAD
TO SEE YOU
HAVEN'T
DRUNK ANY
EITHER.

YOU
HAVEN'T
TAKEN ONE
SIP OF YOUR
BEER...
IS SOME-
THING
WRONG?



BUT
MAKE
SURE HE
DOESN'T
NOTICE.

LOOK
BEHIND
YOU.



NOT
VERY
SLICK...

SKRTCH
SKRTCH

...

ONCE AN
ADDICT
REACHES
THIS STAGE,
THEY'RE
NOT SATIS-
FIED WITH
JUST ANY
MEAT THEY
CAN BUY AT
THE BLACK
MARKET.



HUF
CHMP
CHMP

YEP.
THAT STRIPED
HYENA IS A
TYPICAL MEAT
ADDICT.

Gohin

IS
HE
A...?

Legoshi



...WHILE
SEARCH-
ING FOR
THEIR
NEXT
TARGET.

THEY
GNAW THE
BONES OF
VICTIMS
THEY'VE
KILLED
THEM-
SELVES...

KRNCH





HE
CRUSHED
THAT
BONE...

THAT
HYENA
ENJOYS
KILLING
NOW.
WHO
KNOWS
HOW
POWERFUL
HIS JAWS
HAVE BE-
COME?

AH,
HE'S
LEAV-
ING...

V/p



OF
COURSE.
IT'S MY
LIFE'S WORK
TO TOSS
BEASTS LIKE
THAT INTO MY
HOSPITAL TO
REHABILI-
TATE THEM.

STAY
BEHIND
ME AND
OB-
SERVE.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO CAP-
TURE
HIM?!

I'VE
BEEN
TRAILING
HIM FOR A
COUPLE OF
DAYS NOW.
TIME'S UP!
WE'LL
CAPTURE
HIM TO-
NIGHT.

C'MON,
LET'S
GO!



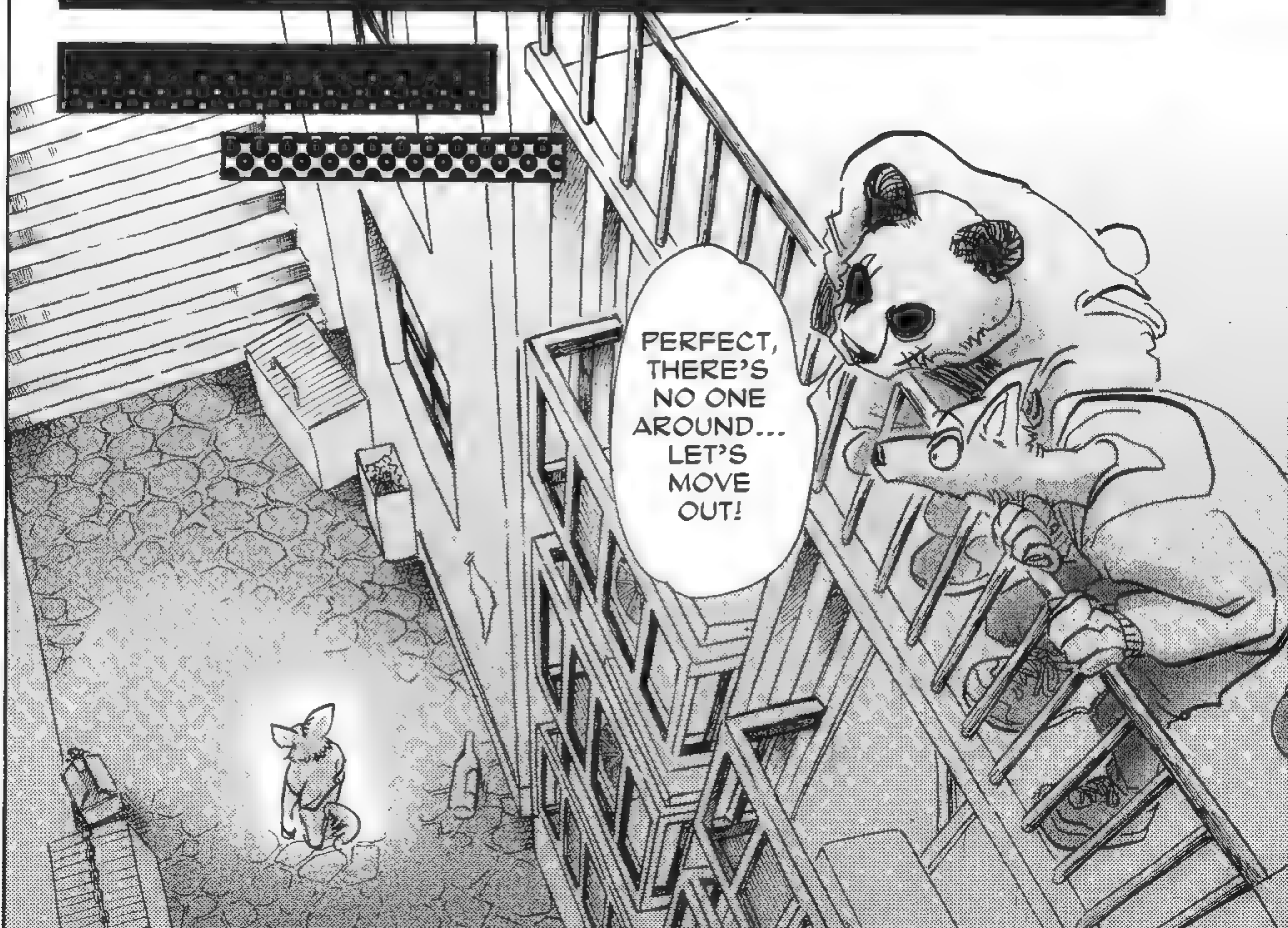
Please
come
again!

"CARNI-
VORES
DEVOUR
HERBI-
VORES."
THAT'S
THE
RELA-
TIONSHIP
BETWEEN
BEASTS.

SOME-
TIMES
I
FORGET
THE
UNIVER-
SAL
TRUTHS
...

I CAN'T
FEAR THE
TRUTH OF
THAT REALITY
ANYMORE.

"THE BLACK
MARKET
REFLECTS
THE STATE OF
SOCIETY."



PERFECT,
THERE'S
NO ONE
AROUND...
LET'S
MOVE
OUT!



WERE
YOU DE-
PRESSED
?

HOW DID
YOU FEEL
WHEN YOU
REALIZED
YOUR JAW
HAD GROWN
WEAK?



BUT
FIRST...
LEGOSHI,
I HAVE A
QUESTION
FOR YOU.



NO...
NOT AS
MUCH
AS I WOULD
HAVE
THOUGHT...

KER
SNAP!!





I'M
NOT A
FELIDAE!
I DON'T
ALWAYS
LAND ON
MY FEET!

HEY
!!



OWW
...



YEP.
YOU'RE A
YOUNG
CANIDAE.

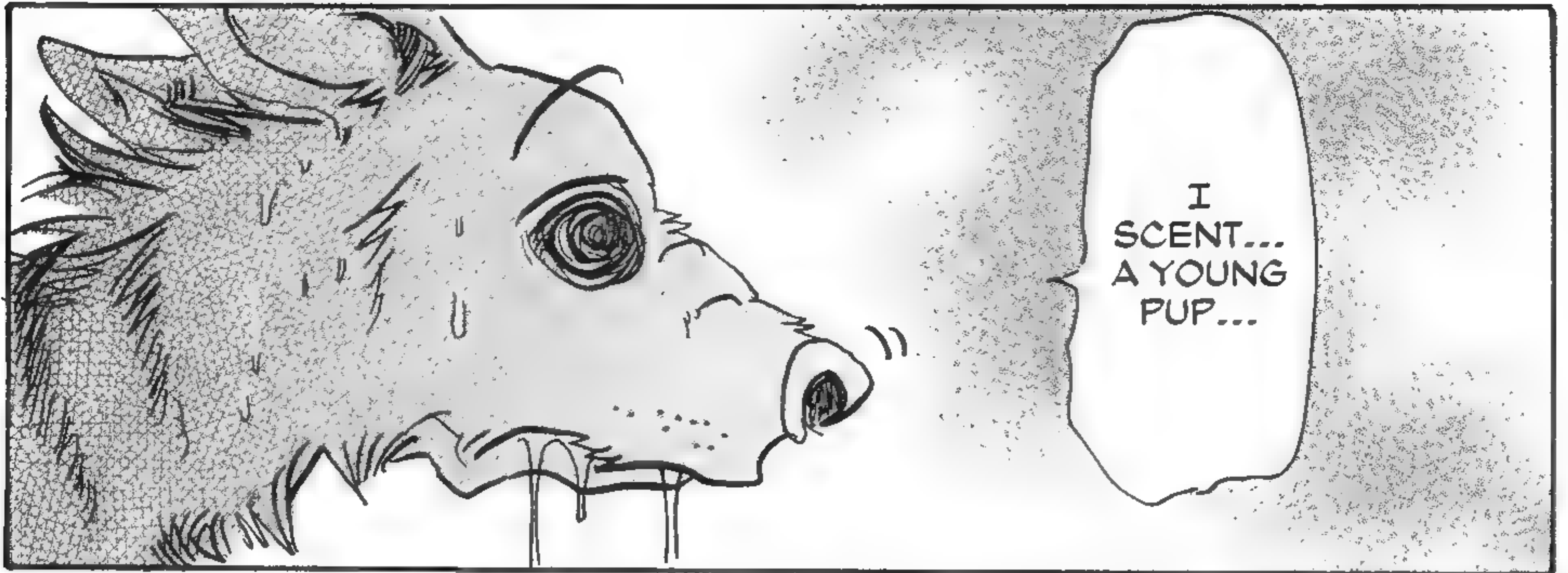


NOW,
HOW ARE
YOU
GOING
TO
FIGHT?!

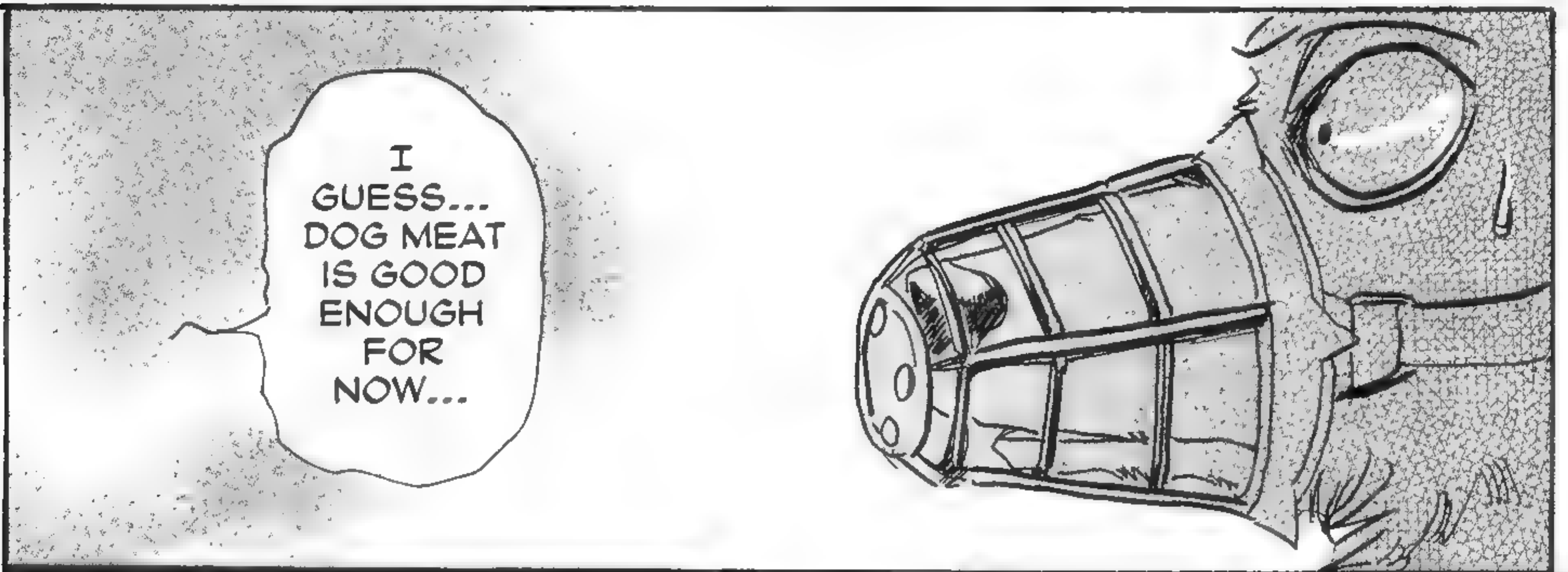


WHO'RE
YOU
...?

A
CARNIVORE
WHO'S NOW
UNABLE TO
USE HIS MOST
EFFECTIVE
WEAPON,
THE POWER
OF HIS
BITE...



I
SCENT...
A YOUNG
PUP...



I
GUESS...
DOG MEAT
IS GOOD
ENOUGH
FOR
NOW...



LOOK
WHAT
THEY'VE
DONE
TO
ME...

...ARE SO
POWER-
FUL.
THEY PUT
UP A LOT
OF RESIS-
TANCE.



THEIR
ARMS
AND
LEGS...

KILLING
HERBI-
VORES
IS A
LOT OF
TROU-
BLE...





...P-PULL
OUT MY
FANGS....!



KRNCH

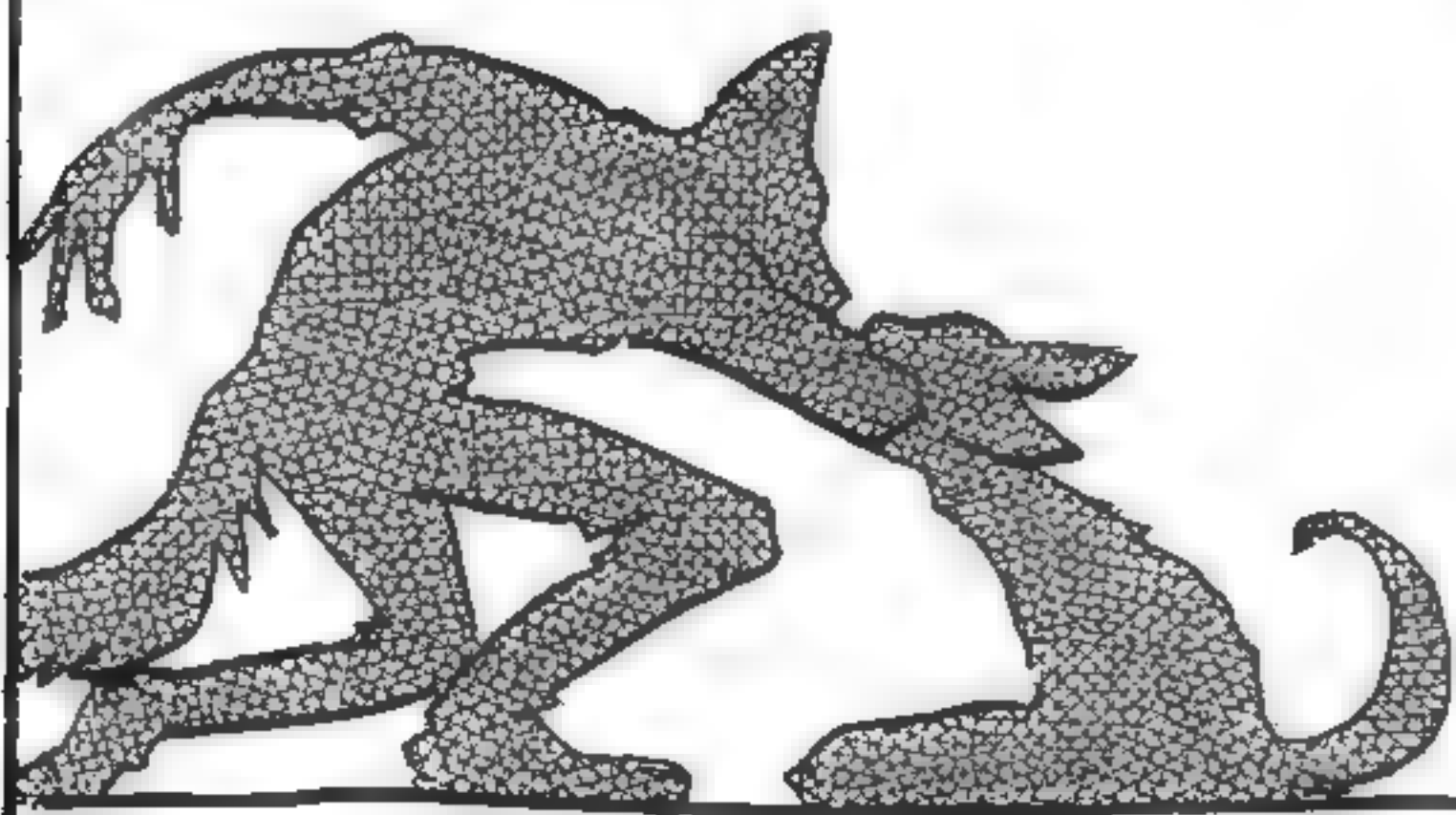
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!
I CAN'T
...



WHEN
HERBI-
VORES
KICK AND
HIT IN THEIR
STRUGGLE
TO
SURVIVE,
THEY
EXPRESS
THEIR
PASSION
FOR LIFE
THROUGH
THEIR
LIMBS.

SO I
SHOULD LET
MY LIMBS DO
THE SAME.

WHY
DO
CARNI-
VORES ALL
LOOK THE
SAME WHEN
THEY BARE
THEIR
TEETH....?

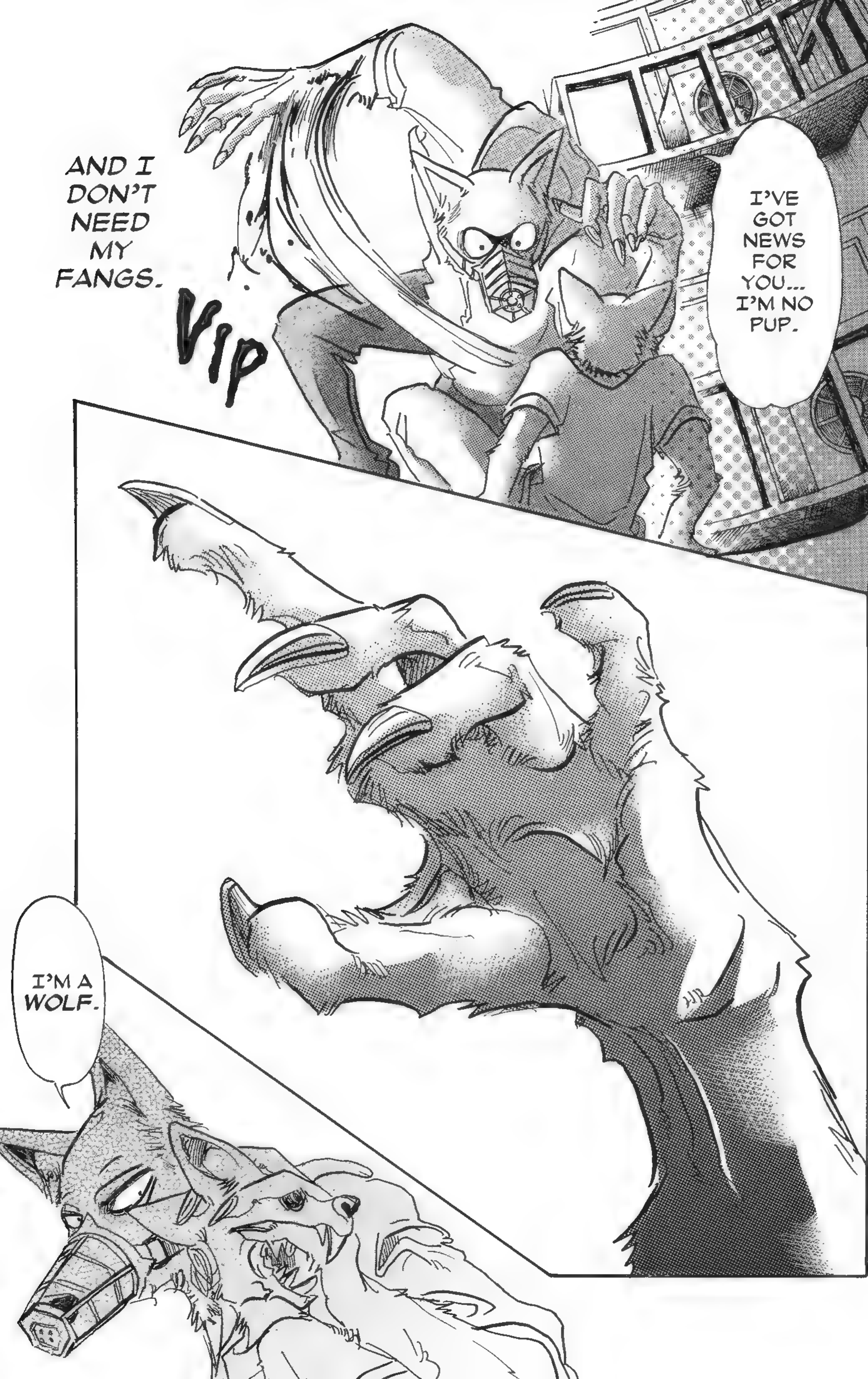


AND I
DON'T
NEED
MY
FANGS.

Vip

I'VE
GOT
NEWS
FOR
YOU...
I'M NO
PUP.

I'M A
WOLF.







We'll
start
training
your
arms and
legs now!





Chapter 69: Their String-Can Telephone Isn't Working

BEASTARS

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NO IT ISN'T!
YOU NEED TO
BE ABLE TO
MINISTER TO
YOUR OWN
WOUNDS.

You can't
always depend
on others,
you idiot!

OHIN...
VISH
ISH
'IFFICULT!

GRRRR

Mirror

I
NEVER
IMAG-
INED
I'D
BE-
COME
AN
ASSIS-
TANT...

I GOT
THE JOB
DONE IN
HALF THE
TIME.
I NEVER
IMAGINED
THE DAY
WOULD COME
WHEN I
WOULD
HIRE AN
ASSISTANT.

TO BE
HONEST,
THOUGH...
I REALLY
APPRECIATE HOW
HARD YOU'VE
WORKED THESE
LAST FEW DAYS
THAT YOU'VE
BEEN HELPING
ME OUT.



...AND
AT
SUCH
A VIO-
LENT,
VIGI-
LANTE-
STYLE
WORK-
PLACE
TOO...

I
DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE TO
PUNCH
YOU
ANY-
MORE.

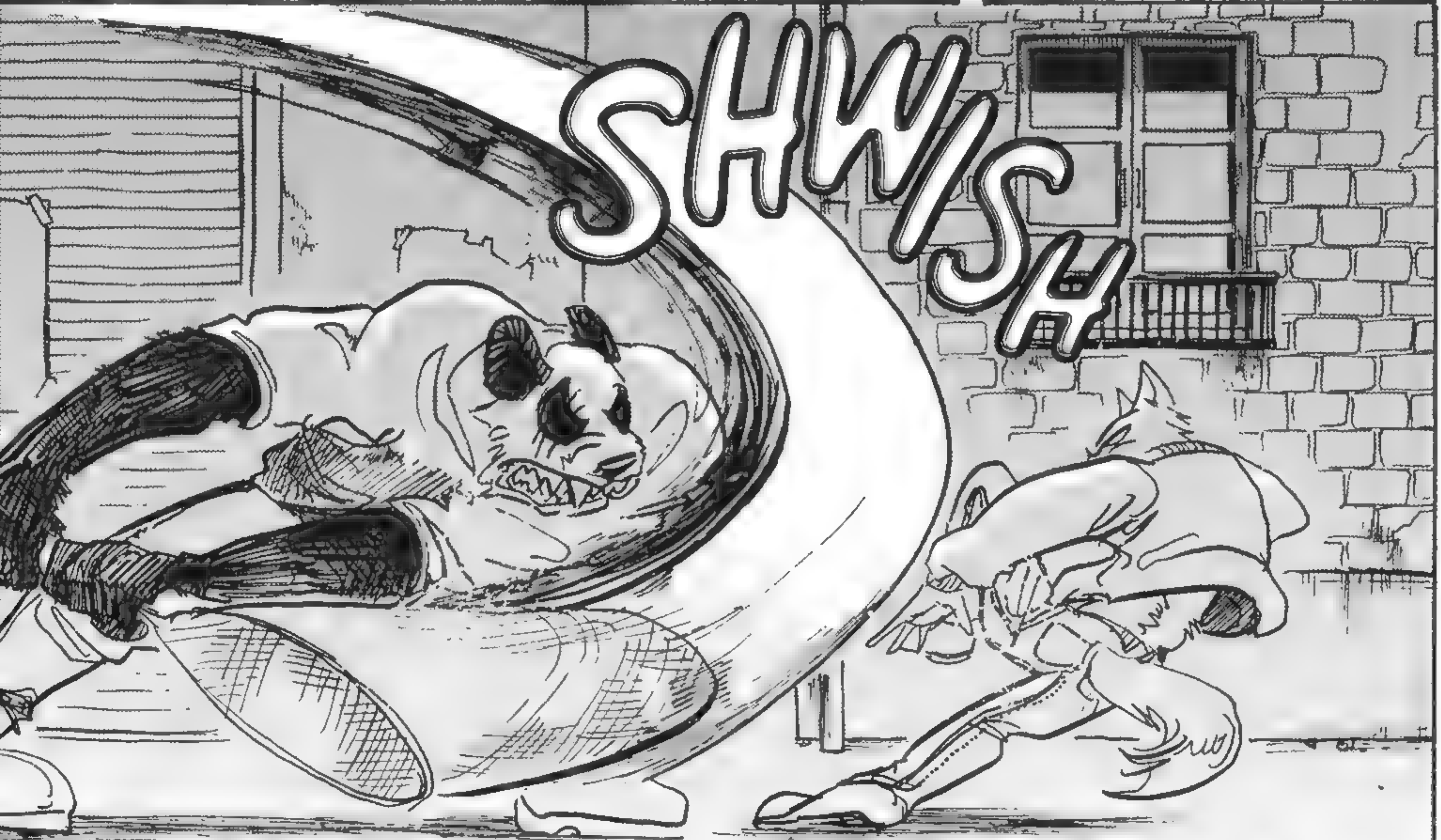
HEY, RED FOX!
STOP RESISTING,
AND LET ME TAKE YOU
TO MY CLINIC!
YOU NEED TO GO
THROUGH REHABILITATION
TO MAKE UP FOR
ALL THE ZEBRAS
WHOSE FLANKS
YOU'VE BITTEN!



THEY
WERE
JUST
PLAY
BITES—

ALL I
DID WAS
SATISFY MY
NATURAL
APPETITES
BY BITING
HERBIVORE
BUTTS,
AND YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THAT'S A
GRAVE
OFFENSE?

WHAT-
EVER...
THE
WORLD IS
A HARSH
PLACE!



SEE YA,
QUACK!



HUF HUF...
HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
CHASE ME
DOWN THIS
NARROW...



...ALSO
COUNTS
AS
SEXUAL
ASSAULT.

BITING
BUTTS...

THANKS TO YOU DRAGGING HIM OUT OF THAT ALLEY DESPITE HIM BITING YOUR RIGHT SHOULDER.

THAT WAS A QUICK RED FOX, BUT I STILL FINISHED MY MISSION TWICE AS FAST AS USUAL.

THAT WAS A QUICK RED FOX, BUT I STILL FINISHED MY MISSION TWICE AS FAST AS USUAL.

A———!!

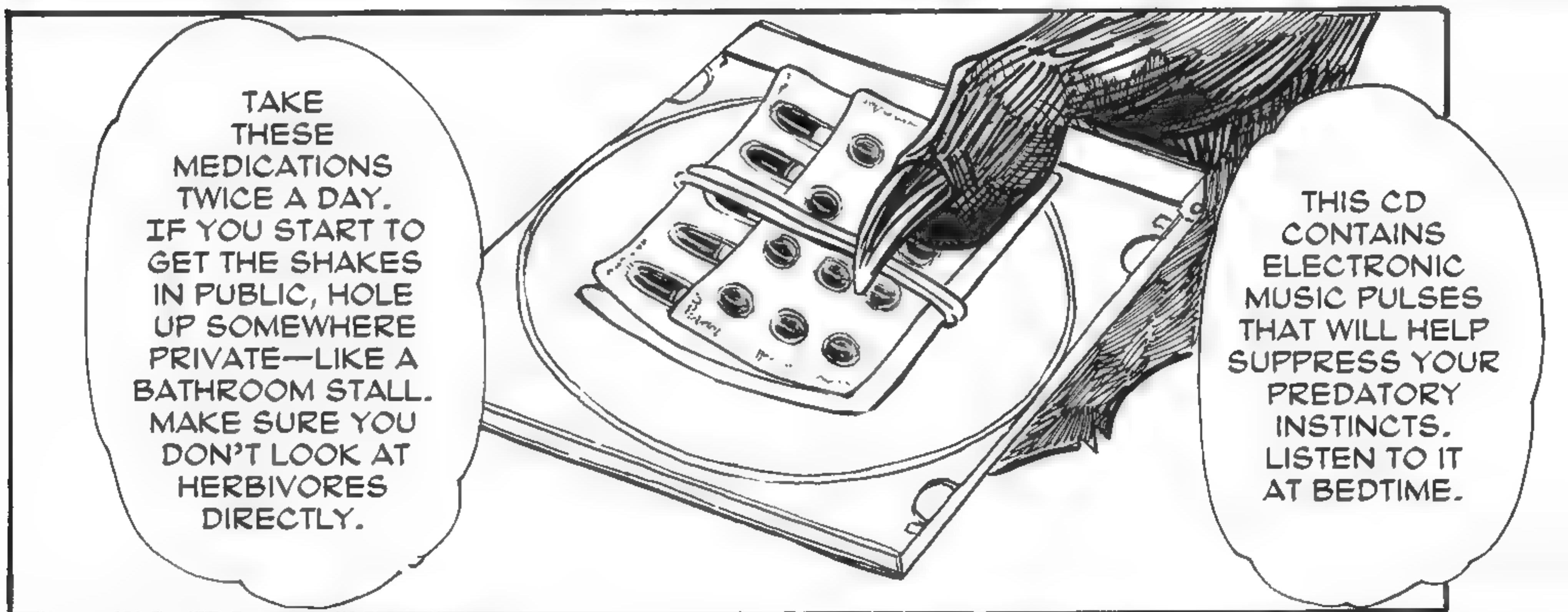


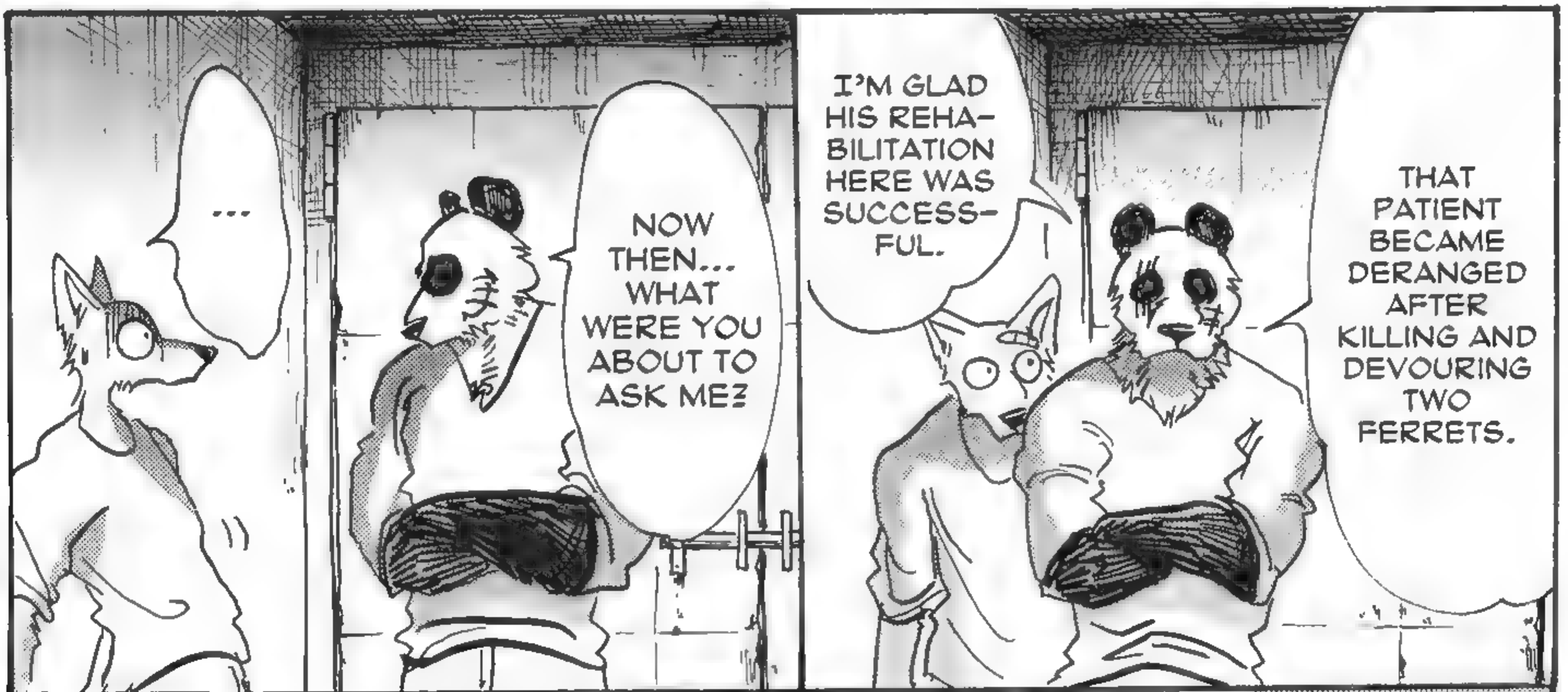
UM...
SO,
GOHIN...
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
I'VE BEEN
WANTING
TO ASK
YOU.

I'D LIKE
TO GET
INJURED
LESS.

CAP-
TURING
THESE
ADDICTS
DOUBLES
AS YOUR
TRAINING,
AND MY
WORK HAS
GOTTEN
EASIER.
IT'S A

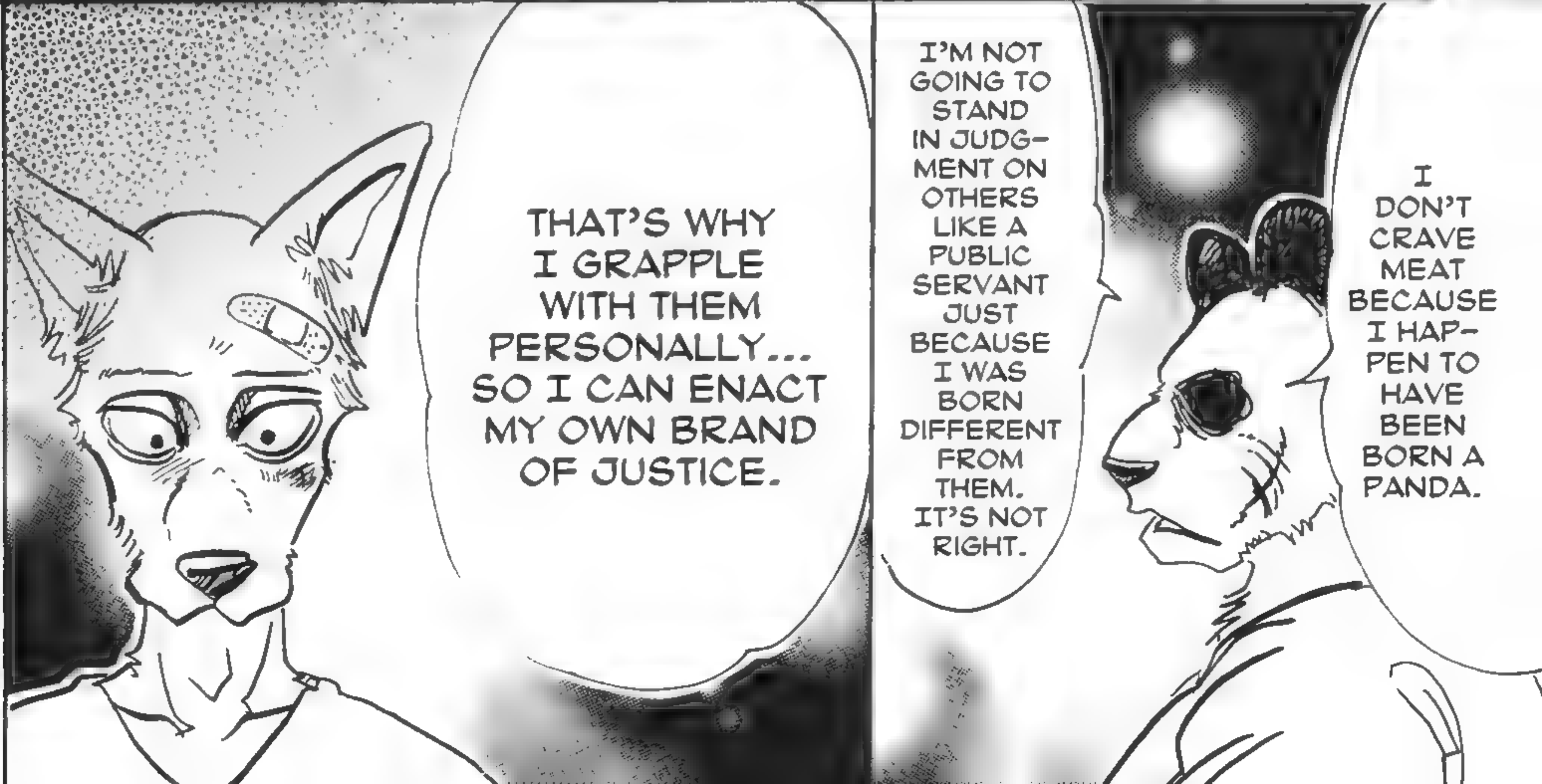








I'M AN
URSIDAE.
I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF REPAIRING
THE WORLD
BY JUDGING
CARNIVORES.



THAT'S WHY
I GRAPPLE
WITH THEM
PERSONALLY...
SO I CAN ENACT
MY OWN BRAND
OF JUSTICE.

I'M NOT
GOING TO
STAND
IN JUDG-
MENT ON
OTHERS
LIKE A
PUBLIC
SERVANT
JUST
BECAUSE
I WAS
BORN
DIFFERENT
FROM
THEM.
IT'S NOT
RIGHT.

I
DON'T
CRAVE
MEAT
BECAUSE
I HAP-
PEN TO
HAVE
BEEN
BORN A
PANDA.




SORRY.
I SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD YOU
SOONER.

WHY
ARE YOU
SPILLING
YOUR
GUTS TO
ME NOW
...?

MY
RIGHT
EYE WAS
GORED.
I LOST
MOST OF
THE FUR
ON MY
BACK.

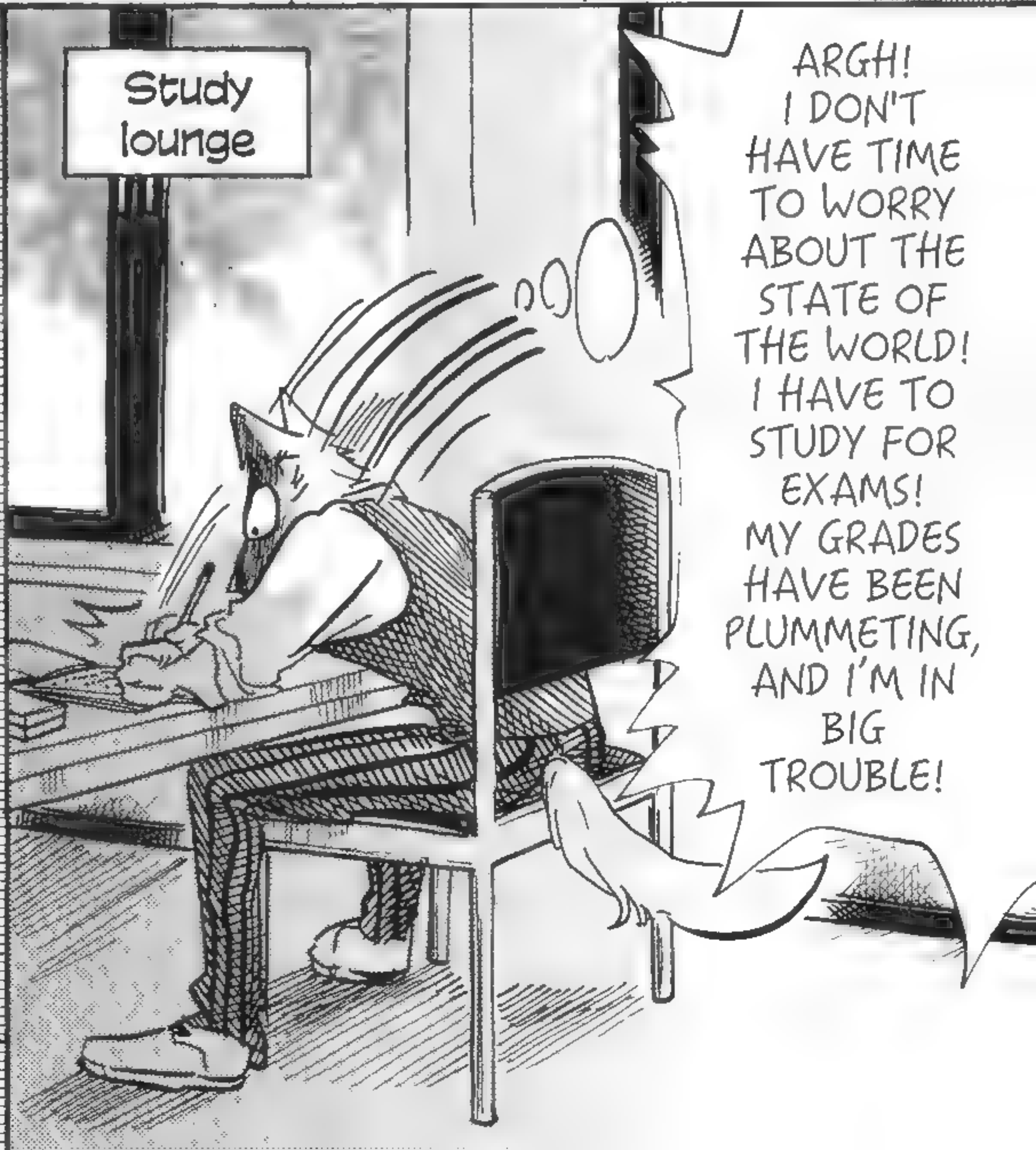
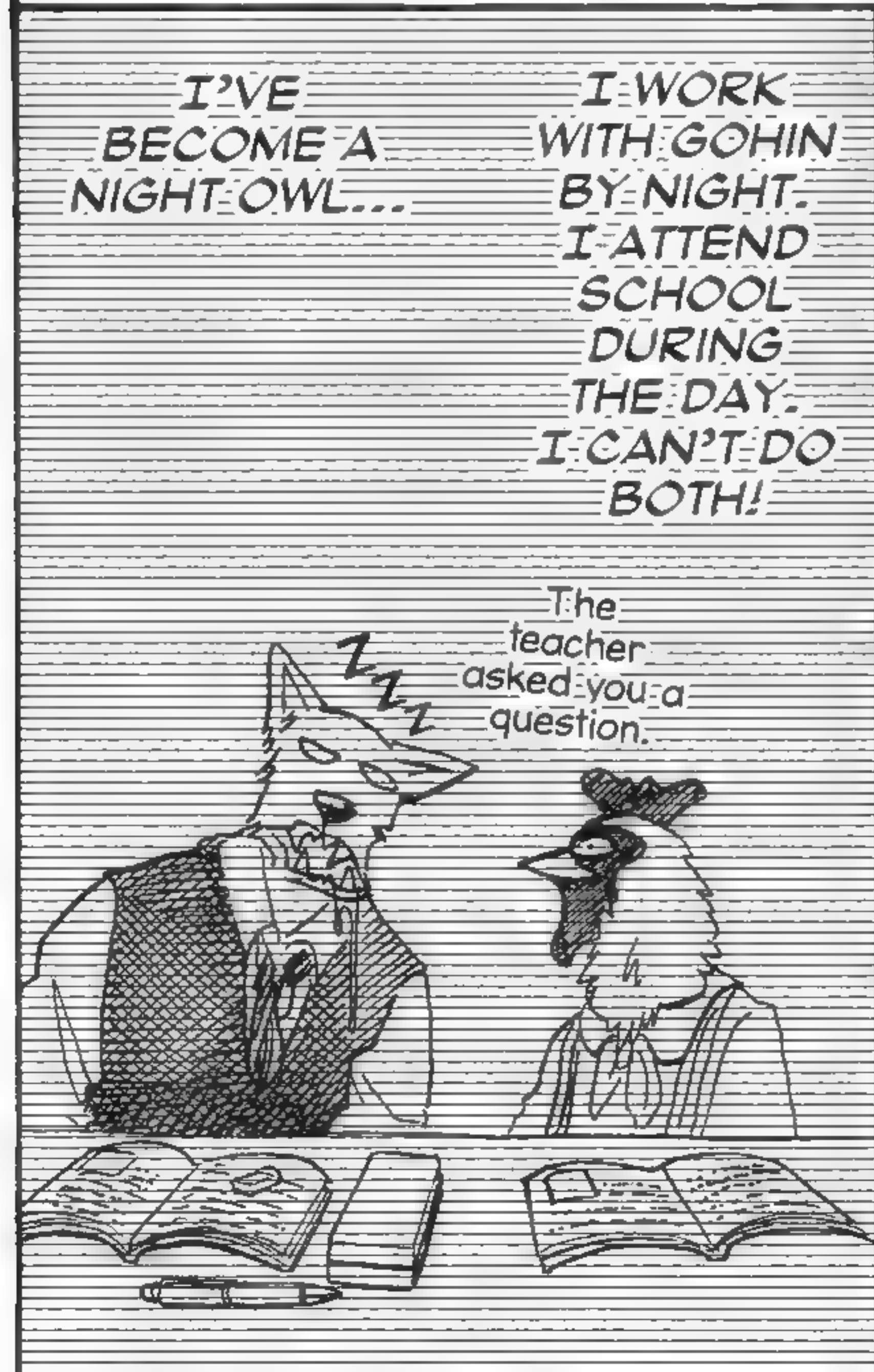
BUT
I'M GLAD MY
WIFE AND CUBS
LEFT ME FIVE
YEARS AGO...
THIS JOB IS TOO
DANGEROUS.

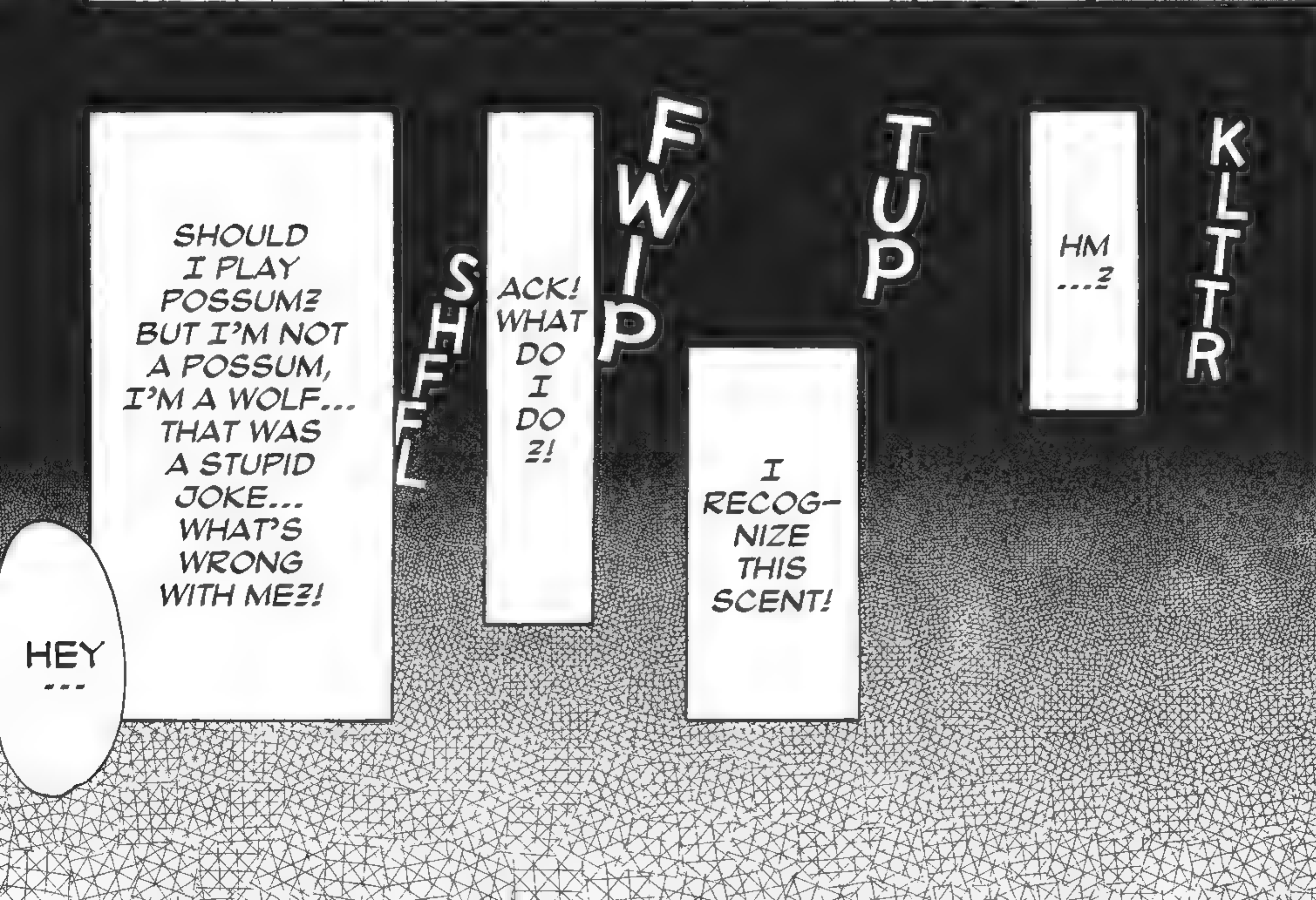


MAYBE
IT'S JUST
MY EGO
AS A
PSYCHOL-
OGIST
TALKING,
BUT...

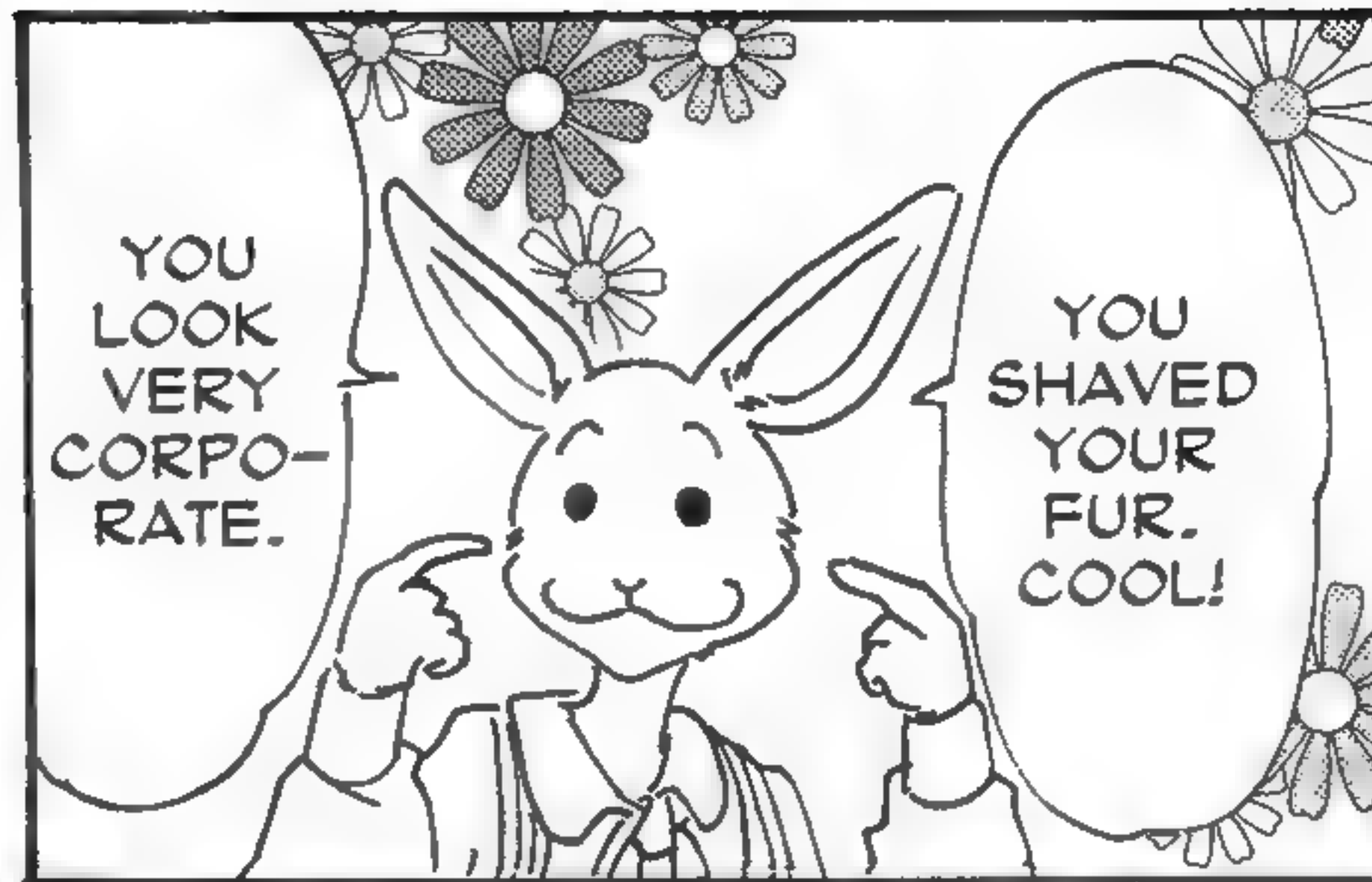
THE
WORLD IS
COMPLI-
CATED.
PUNISHING
CRIMINALS
ISN'T GOING
TO BRING
US PEACE.

...I
BELIEVE
EVERY
CARNIVORE
IS CAPABLE
OF CHANGE
IF THEY WANT
IT BADLY
ENOUGH.
AND I WANT
TO HELP
THEM.



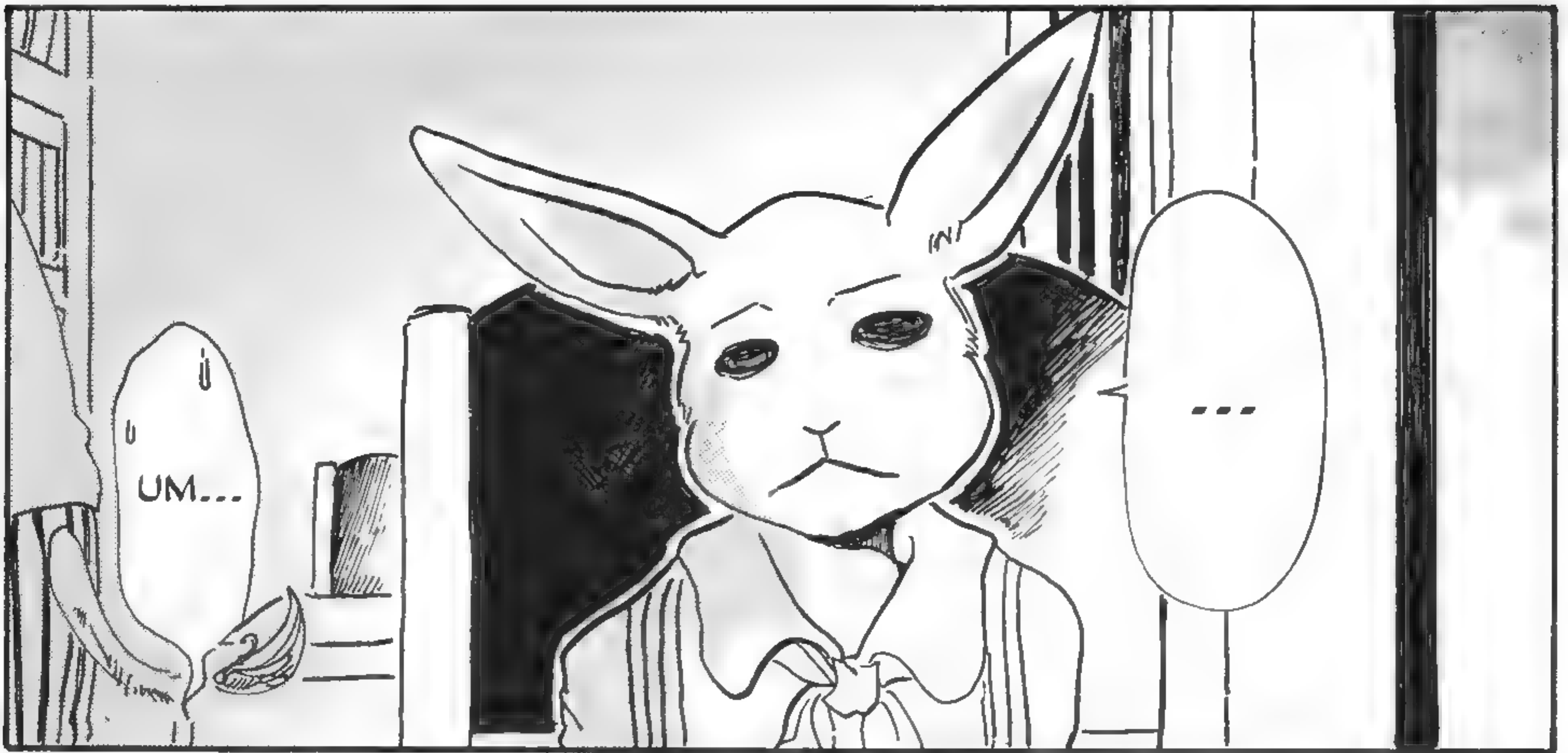




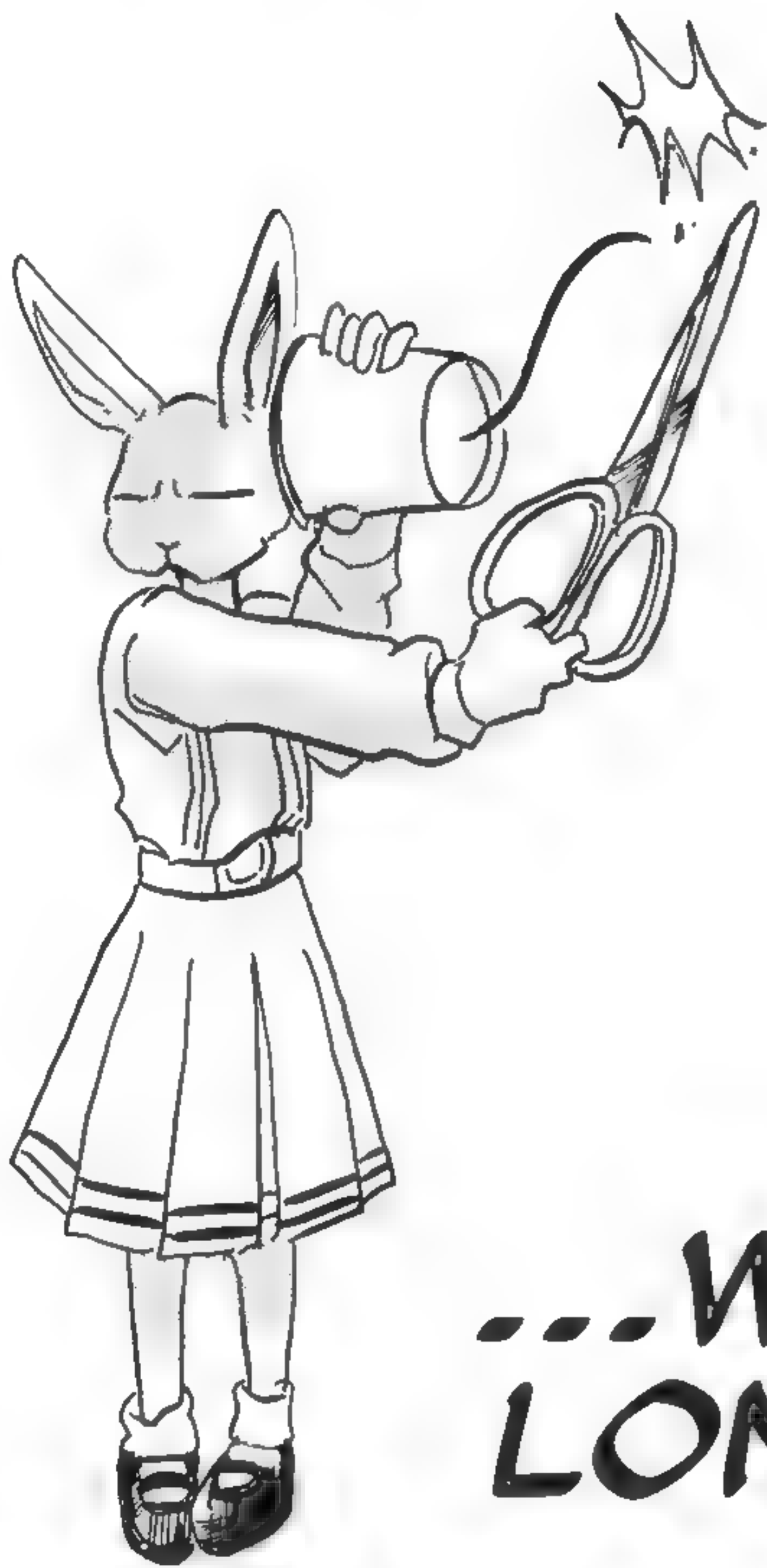








...I'M THE ONE...



**...WHO'S
LONELY!**

A WORLD
IN WHICH
HERBIVORES
ARE SAFE IS
AN ARTIFICIAL
WORLD. I DON'T
WANT TO LIVE IN
A WORLD LIKE
THAT.



DAMN...
I'M NOT
GETTING
THROUGH
TO HER
AT ALL.



...HAVE
FUN WITH
YOU,
LEGOSHI!

THE
LIVES OF
HERBIVORES
ARE ALWAYS
IN DANGER...
BUT I STILL
WANT
TO...

OH...

...



I DIDN'T SAY IT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY!



I UNDER-
STAND
NOW.



UM...
I'M SO
GLAD YOU
FEEL THAT
WAY.

Girls
can
change
their
minds,
you
know!

I ONLY
SAID THAT
BECAUSE
I THOUGHT
IT WAS THE
RIGHT RE-
SPONSE!



YOU
BE-
LIEVED
ME?!



BUT WHEN
I VOWED TO
BECOME
STRONGER, YOU
SAID, "I'LL
BE WAITING,"
RIGHT...?

NOW
I
SEE

...CAN'T
GO ON
LIKE
THIS.

WHAT
THE
SOLU-
TION
IS.

HARU
...

...

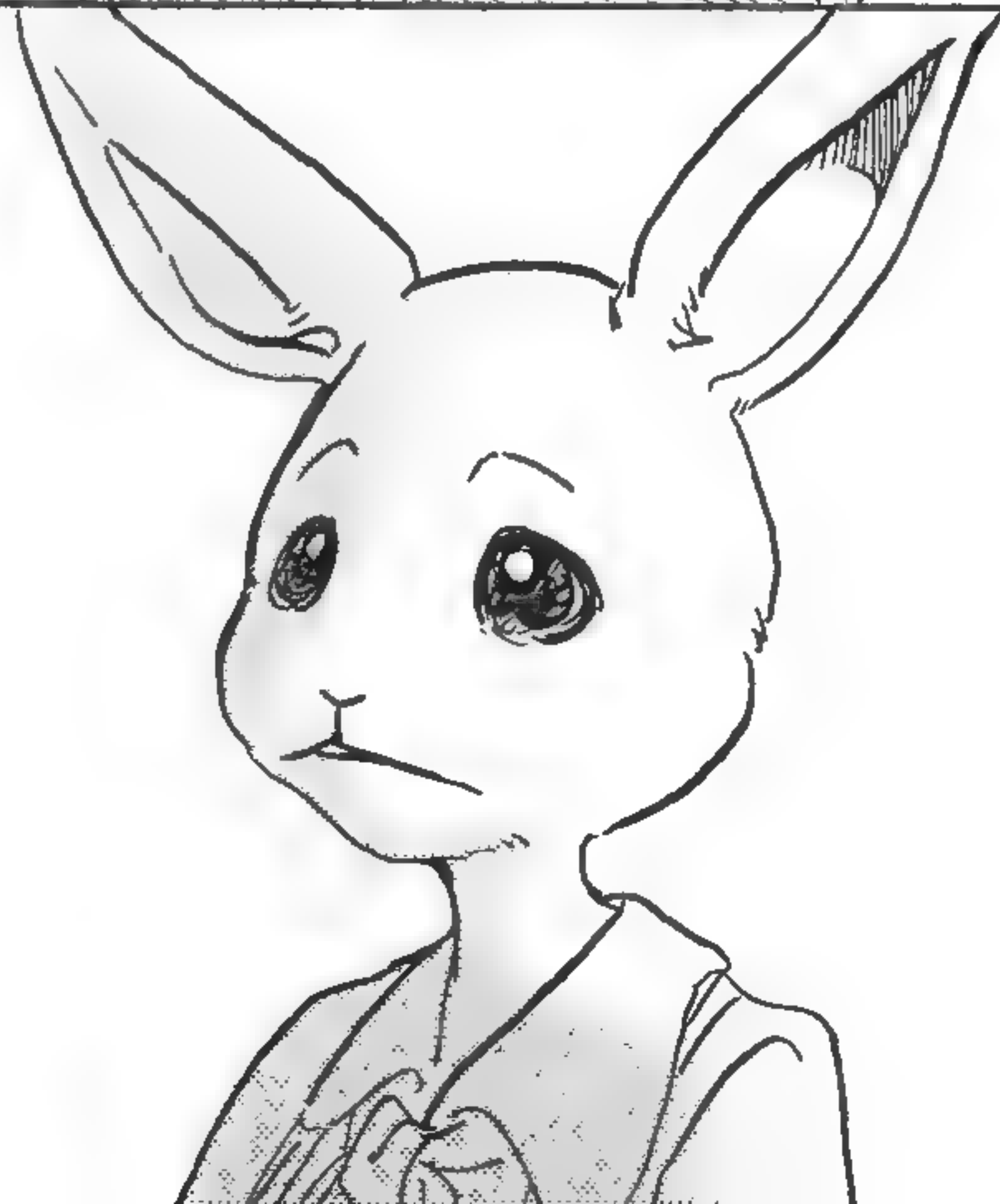
SHE
GOT INTO
TERRIBLE
DANGER,
YET SHE
REFUSES
TO BE
CAUTIOUS!

HARU...
OUR
RELATION-
SHIP...

S
I
G
H

WE'RE
TOO
DIFFER-
ENT...









OH, I
DON'T
MEAN
RIGHT NOW,
OF COURSE.
MAYBE BY
THE TIME WE
GRADUATE
MARRIAGE
BETWEEN
SPECIES
WON'T BE
THAT UN-
COMMON.

W
H
A
T
?!

MARRIAGE?! MARRIAGE?! MARRIAGE?! MARRIAGE

GE? MARRIAGE?!

- I LIKE HARU.
- I DON'T THINK SHE HATES ME.
- I CAN PROTECT HER IF I'M CLOSE BY.
- SHE WON'T BE LONELY.
- WE CAN GET MORE INTIMATE.
- I CAN PREVENT EVIL BEASTS FROM GETTING NEAR HER.

IS
THERE
A SET OF
RULES WE'RE
SUPPOSED
TO FOLLOW?
THERE ARE
A LOT OF
REASONS
FOR US
TO GET
MARRIED.

DO WE
HAVE
TO TAKE
THINGS
STEP-BY-
STEP?

THERE
ARE
THINGS A
COUPLE
DOES
BEFORE
THEY GET
MARRIED—
LIKE
DATING
EACH
OTHER!

NO
NO NO!
THAT'S
NOT THE
PROB-
LEM.
WHY
DO YOU
WANT
TO GET
MARRIED
?!

I
don't
get it.

SIGH...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE THIS!
YOU'RE ALWAYS
CHARGING
AHEAD
WITHOUT
THINKING...

TUP
TUP

YOU
SHOULDN'T
ACCEPT
INVITATIONS
FROM
STRANGE
GUYS!

THAT
LAST
POINT
IS VERY
IMPOR-
TANT...

I WOULD
NEVER
WANT TO
MARRY
SOMEONE
AS SELF-
ABSORBED
AS YOU!

WHO I
GO OUT
AND
PLAY
WITH IS
NONE
OF
YOUR
BUSI-
NESS!



...



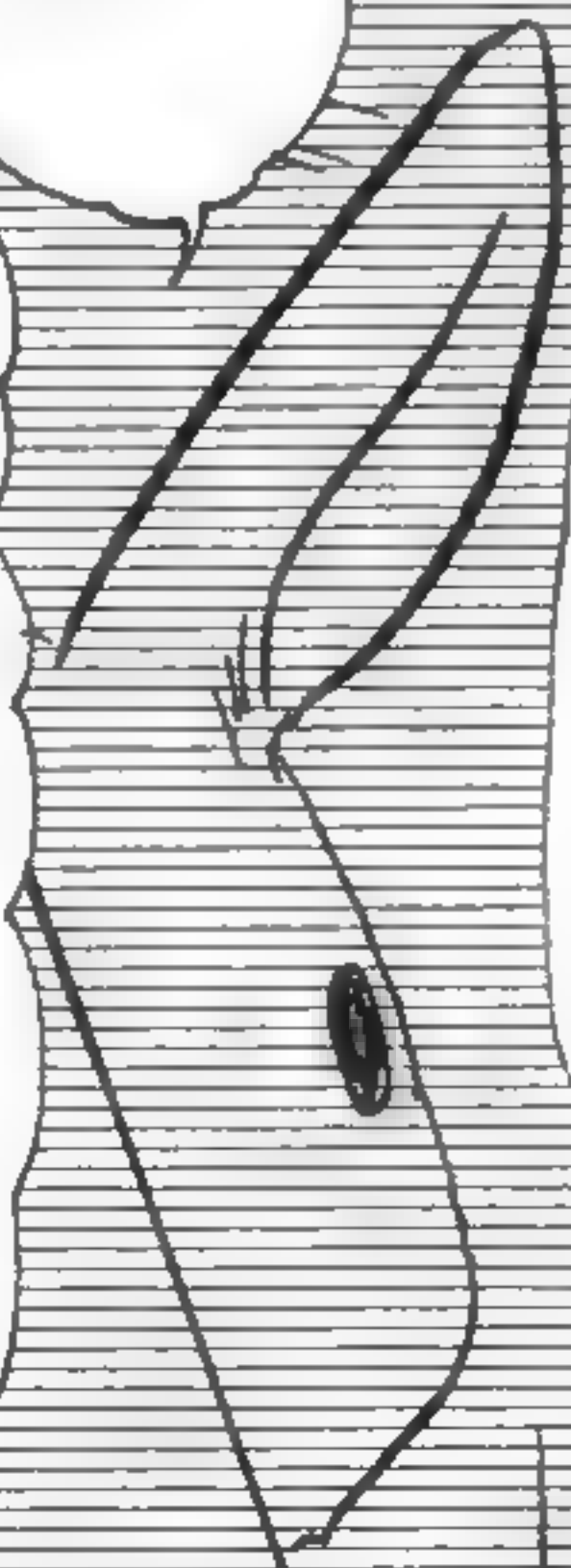
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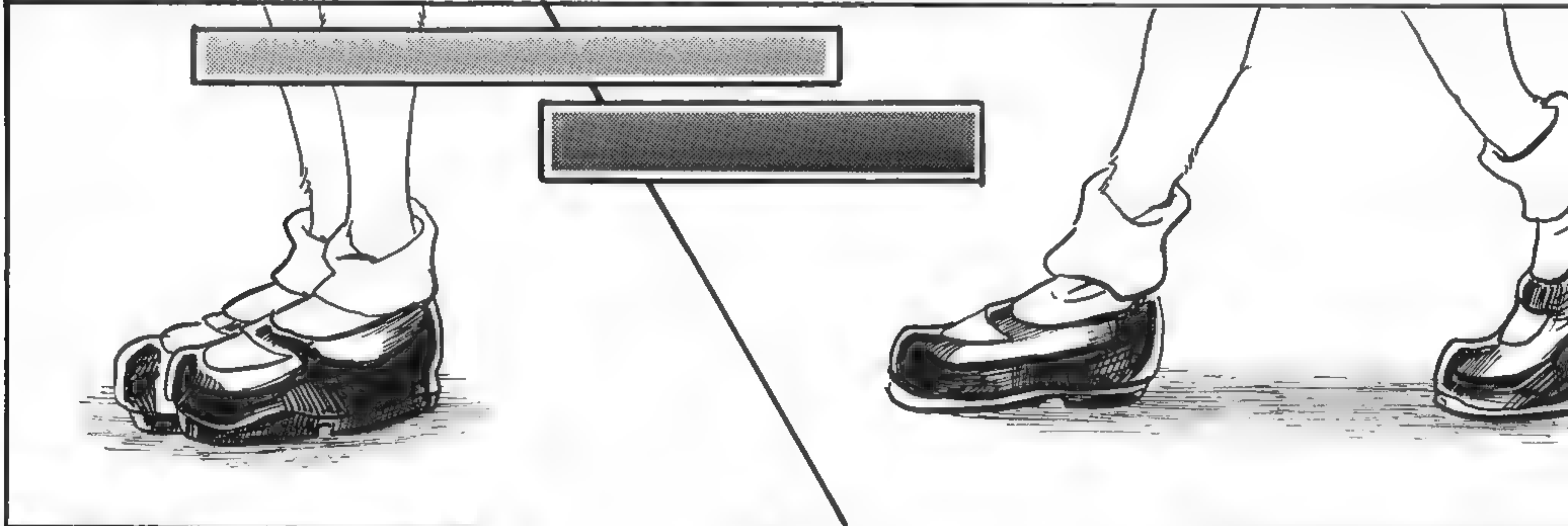
LONG
TIME NO
SEE.

CAN I
COME OVER
TO THE
GARDENING
CLUB SHED
TONIGHT?
WE HAVEN'T
SLEPT
TOGETHER
FOR
MONTHS.

YO,
HARU!
HOW'VE
YOU
BEEN?

An
hour
ago...

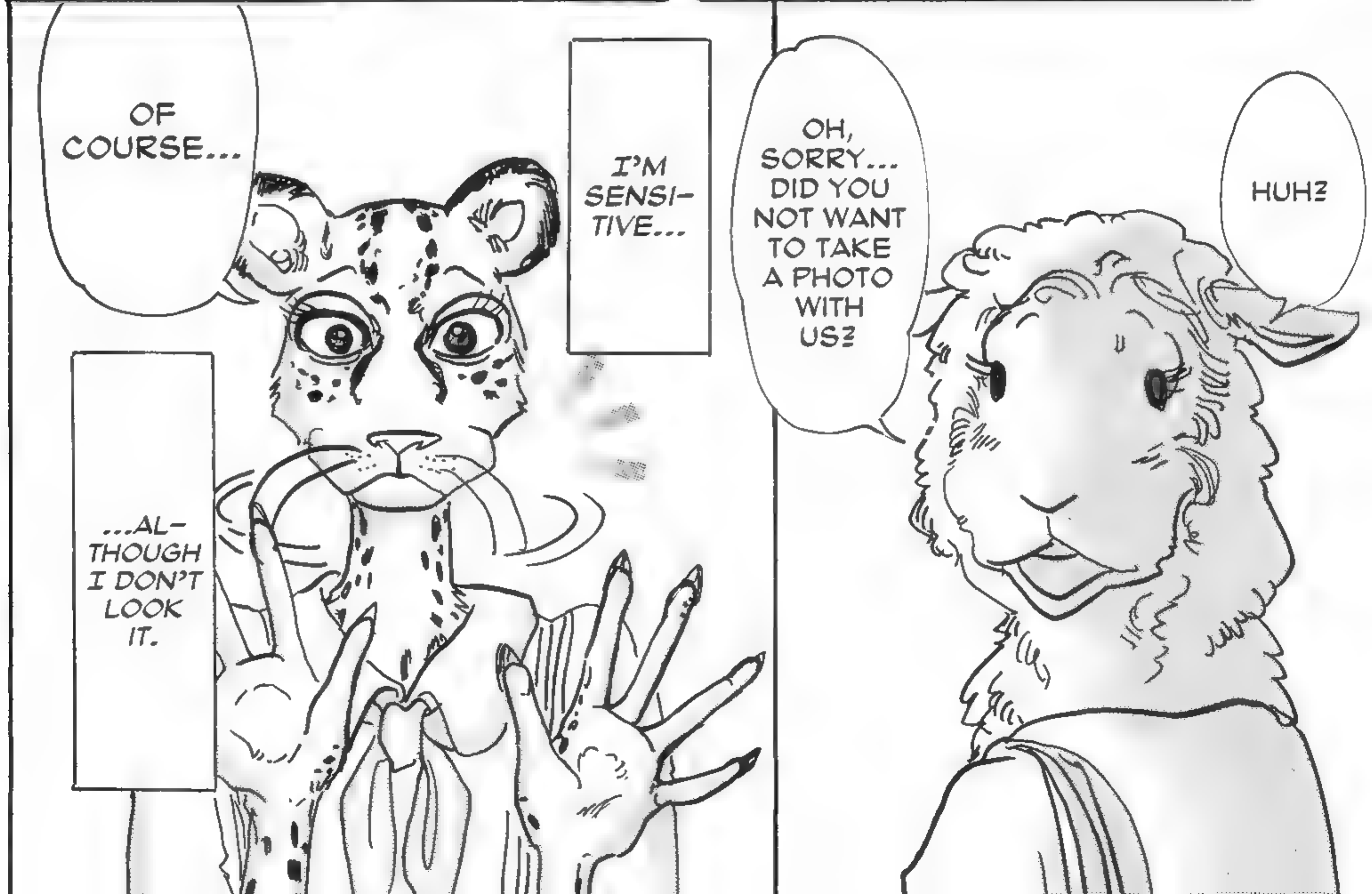


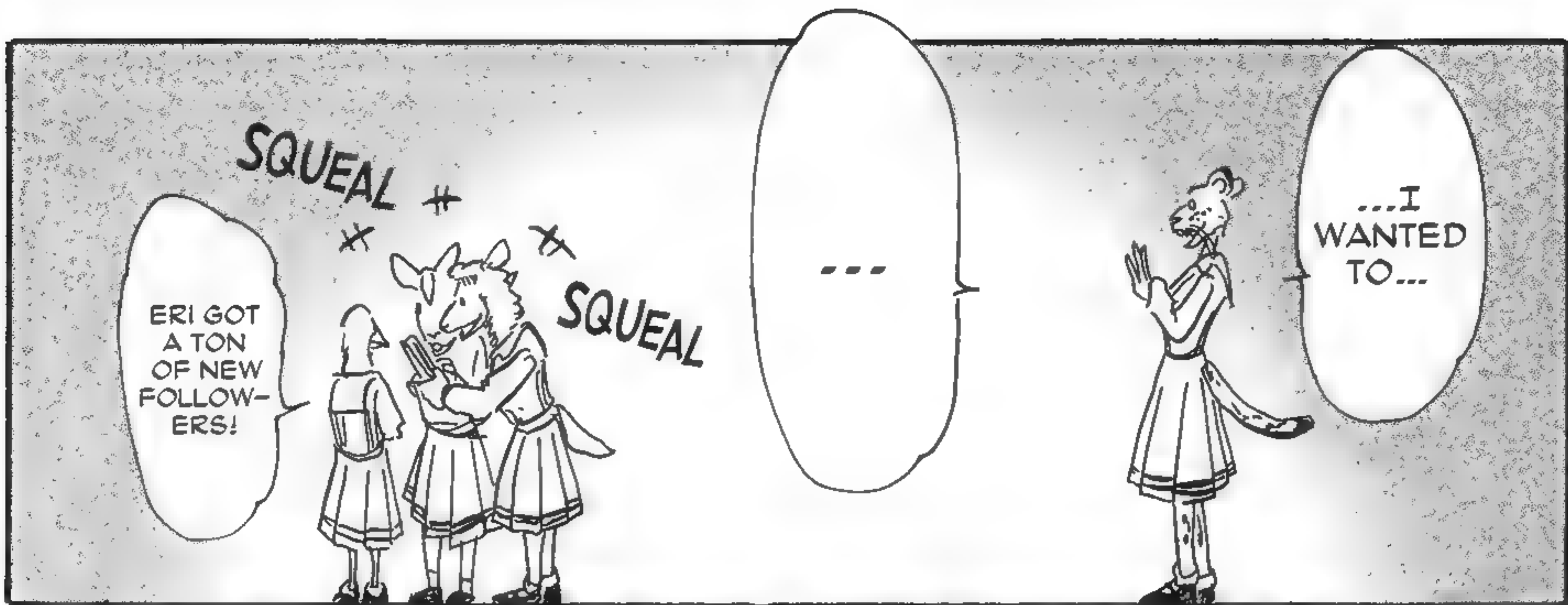


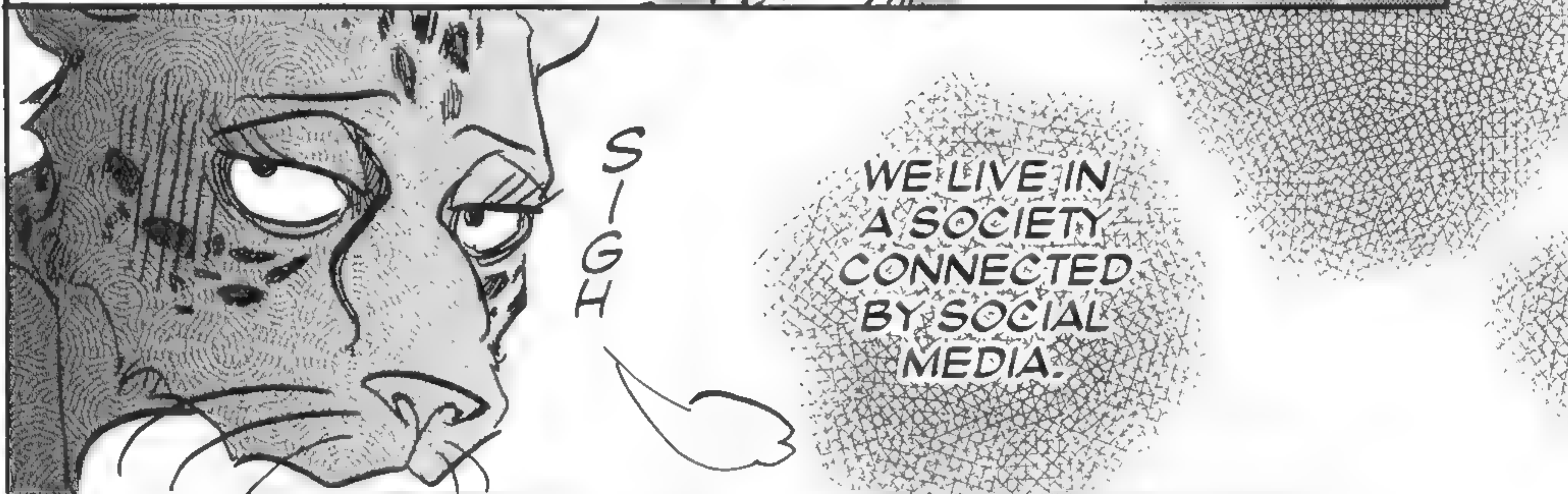
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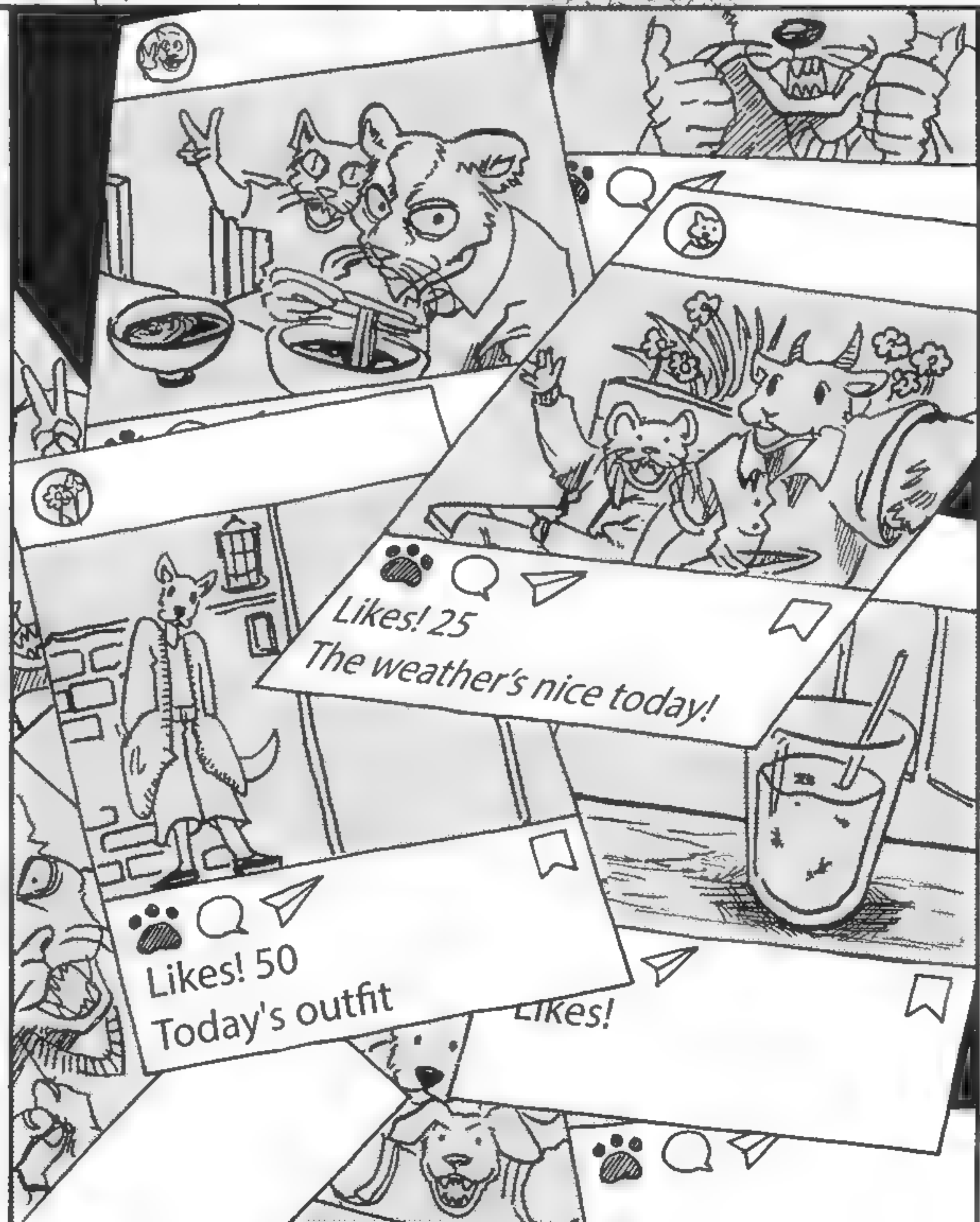
Likes!  35







WHAT YOU ATE. WHERE YOU WENT. WHAT YOU BOUGHT. THAT'S THE KIND OF PHOTOS YOU UPLOAD. EVERYONE SHOWS OFF THEIR GRAND, WONDERFUL LIFE.



BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES (WELL, A LOT OF THE USERS ARE GIRLS) USE BEAST-GRAM, A SOCIAL MEDIA SITE, TO SHARE PHOTOS THEY SNAP ON THEIR PHONES WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD.

...THE MORE
VALUABLE
THAT
PICTURE
BECOMES—
ALONG
WITH YOUR
SOCIAL
STATUS.

I'll
like
her
post.

Oh,
look
where
Sally
went!

THE MORE
LIKES YOU
GET FROM
BEASTS
WHO SEE
YOUR
POSTS...

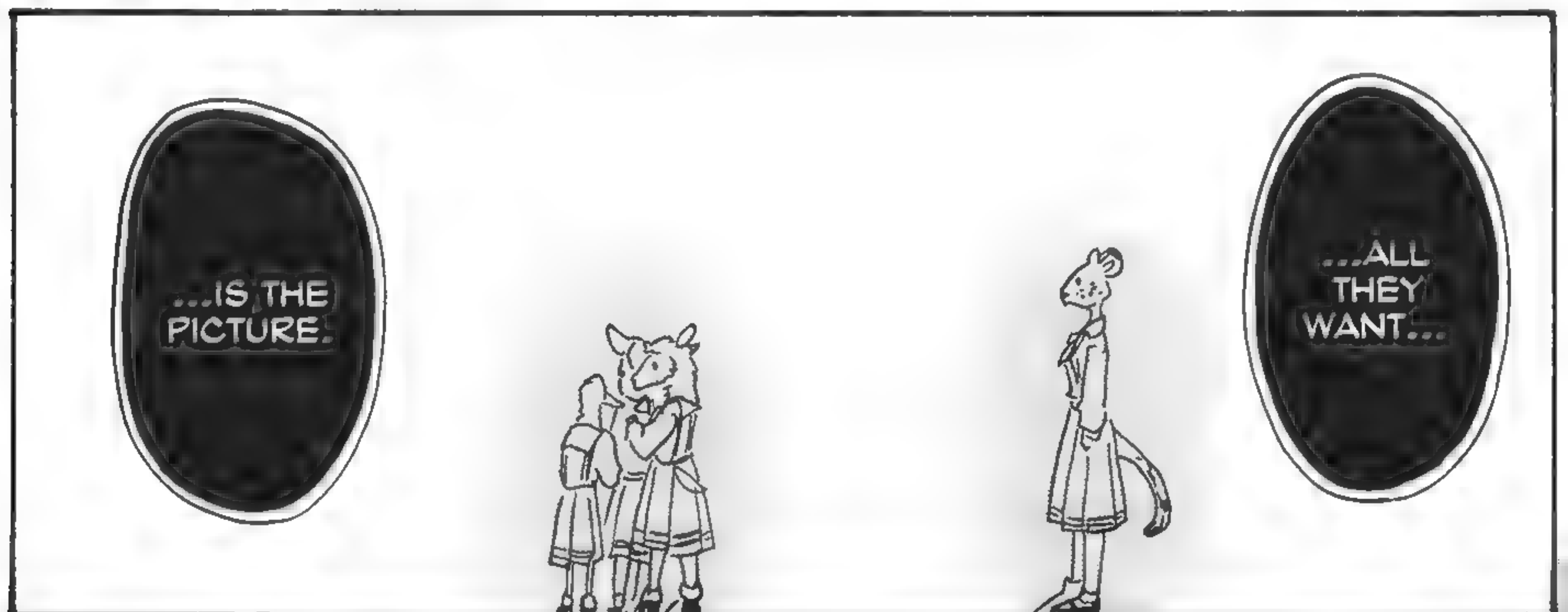
...IS
THAT...

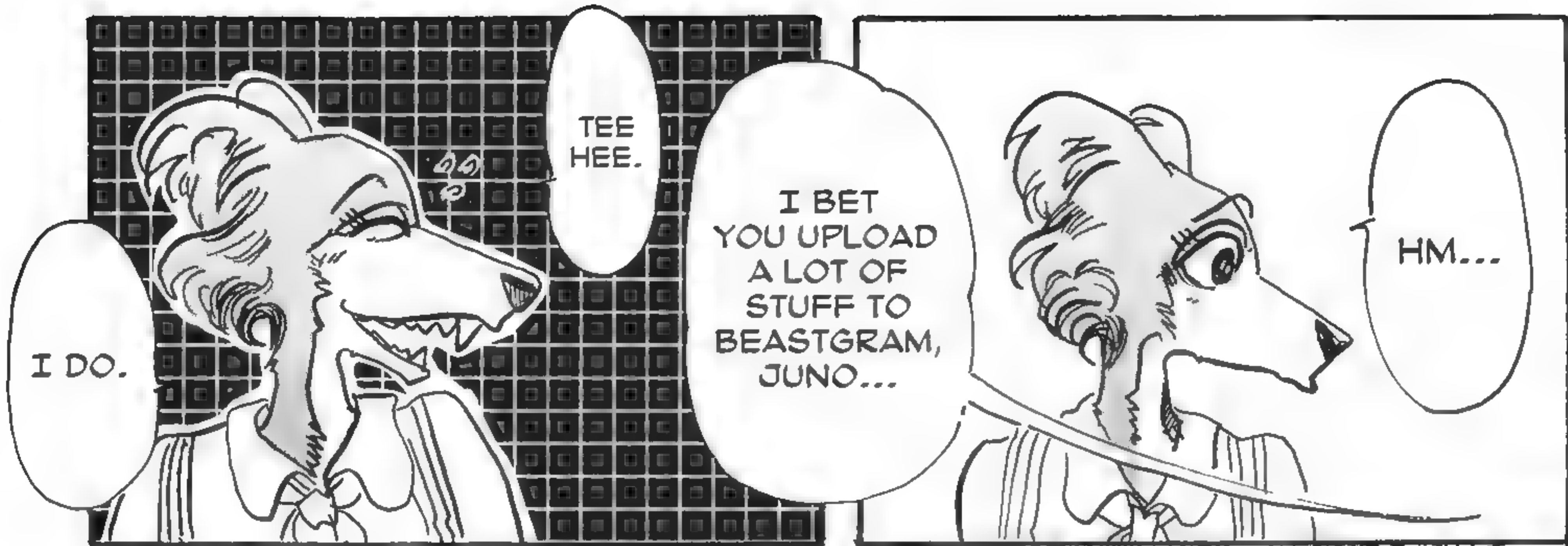
THE
PROBLEM...

...CARNI-
VORES
AND
HERBI-
VORES
TOGETHER
!

...YOU
GET AN
INCREDI-
BLE
NUMBER
OF LIKES
IF YOU
TAKE
PICTURES
OF...

Likes! 173
I'm having drinks with my puma senior
colleague Maruo!





ANGELIC HALO!

...BE-
CAUSE
THEY HAVE
DEFENSIVE
INSTINCTS
WE
CARNI-
VORES
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

LOTS
OF HER-
BIVORES
WORRY
ABOUT HOW
OTHERS
SEE
THEM...



...AND LET
THEM TAKE
PHOTOS
WITH US.

SO THE
LEAST WE
CAN DO IS
ACCOM-
MODATE
THEM...

...but she's
a lot more
mature.



She's
two years
younger
than me...





HEY,
PEACH
!

WHY
DON'T
WE GO
OUT,
JUST
THE TWO
OF US?!

LET'S
GO FILL
OUT...

...PER-
MISSION
SLIPS.



THEN I
REMEM-
BERED...



THEY SAID A
GOAT WAS
ATTACKED BY A
FOX COWORKER
ON THEIR
WAY HOME...
AND DEVoured.

TWO
DAYS AGO.
ON THE
FOUR
O'CLOCK
NEWS.



WHERE
WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO GO?

UM...



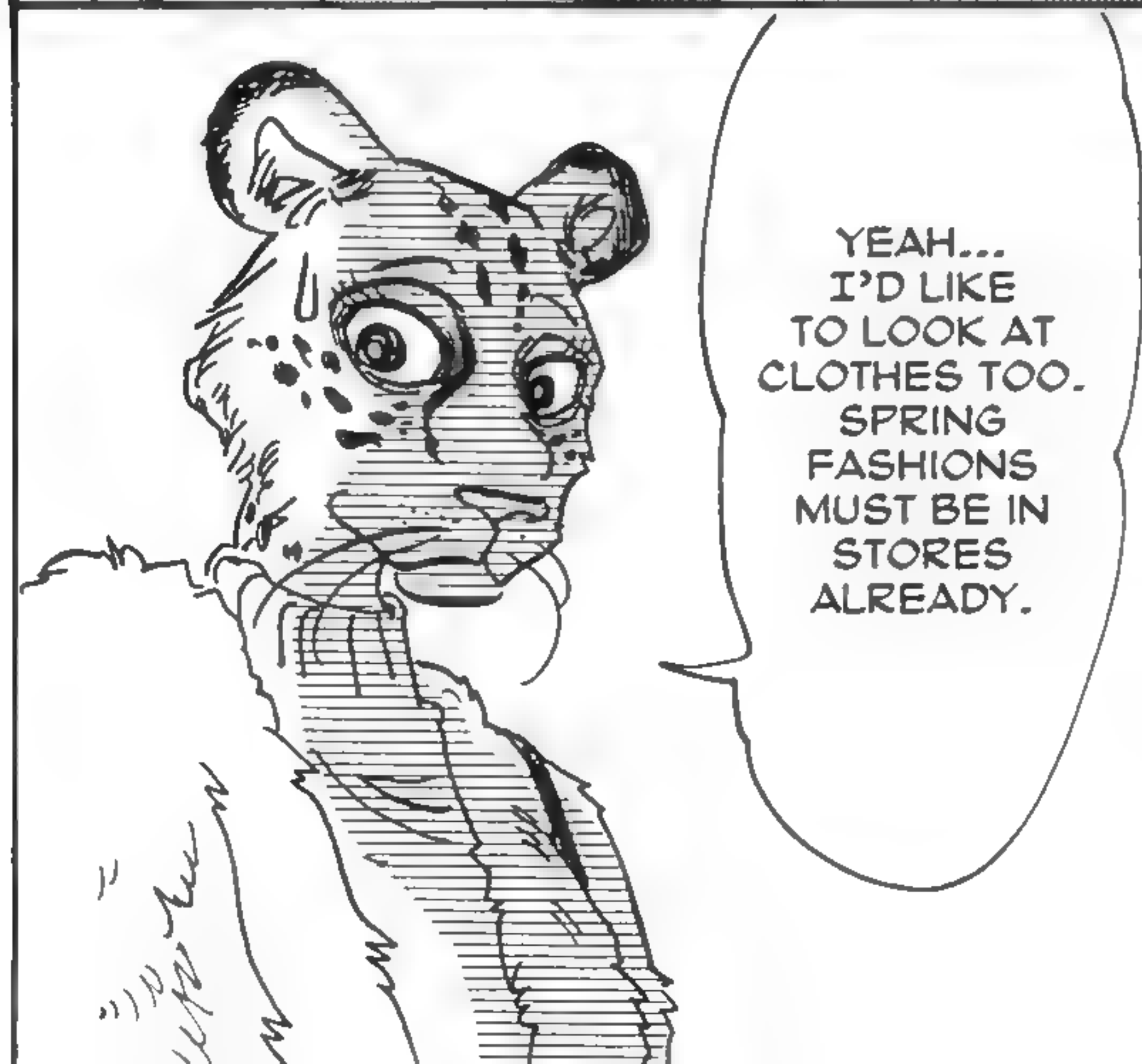
SURE.



I
HAVEN'T
BEEN OFF
CAMPUS IN
AGES! I THINK
THE LAST TIME
WAS WHEN
I WENT
HOME LAST
MONTH FOR
VACATION.

I ASKED
HER ON AN
IMPULSE...
I HOPE SHE'S
NOT SCARED
OF ME!
I WONDER
IF SHE ONLY
SAID YES
TO AVOID
HURTING
MY FEEL-
INGS...

They changed
out of their
uniforms.



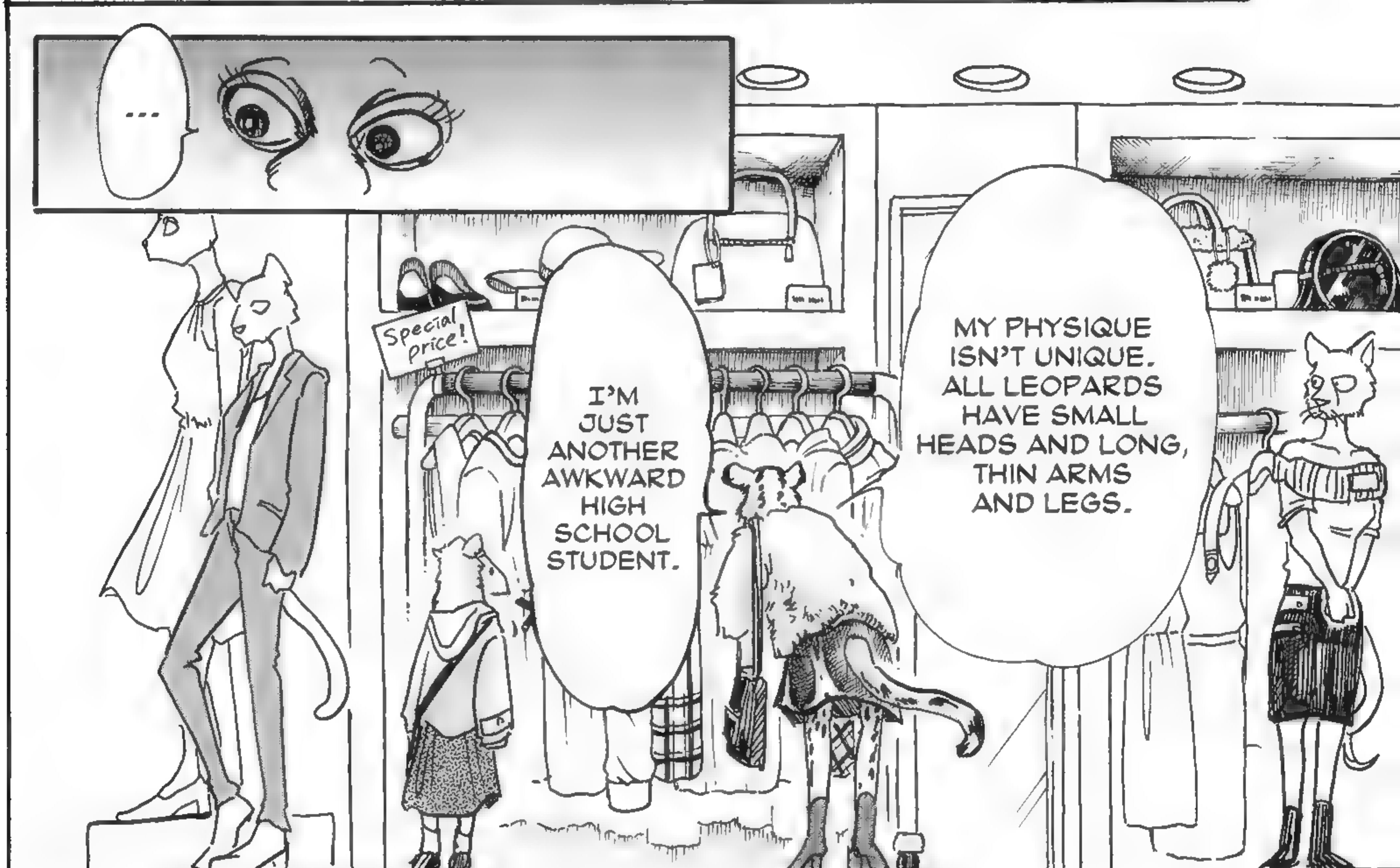
YEAH...
I'D LIKE
TO LOOK AT
CLOTHES TOO.
SPRING
FASHIONS
MUST BE IN
STORES
ALREADY.



HOW
ABOUT
YOU,
SHEILA?

I WANT
TO GO
CLOTHES
SHOP-
PING!









SO THAT'S YOUR DISADVANTAGE!

OH.

WHAT?!



I CAN'T WEAR POLYESTER. WHEN IT RUBS AGAINST MY WOOL, I GET STATIC ELECTRICITY SHOCKS.

OH. UM...

THIS PINK SWEATER WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU.



Aha ha ha... I guess we both have our limitations.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS KIND OF COLD AND DISTANT, SO I WAS REALLY SURPRISED WHEN SHE ASKED ME ON THIS OUTING...



SHEILA'S SERIOUS ABOUT HELPING ME SHOP FOR CLOTHES!



I'M ASHAMED I FELT THAT WAY.

TUG

I WAS ACTUALLY SCARED FOR A MOMENT THERE...

YOU'RE WELCOME.
I HAD FUN.

THANKS,
SHEILA!

I LOVE
THIS DRESS
YOU PICKED
OUT! I'LL
WEAR IT NEXT
TIME WE
COME TO
TOWN
TOGETHER.
♪



Y-YOU
DON'T
MIND?

UM...

WHAT
?



PEACH...
AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
TAKE ANY
PICTURES
TODAY?

SURE.
BUT I'LL
HOLD IT.

O-O-KAY!
IS IT ALL
RIGHT IF
I USE MY
CELL?

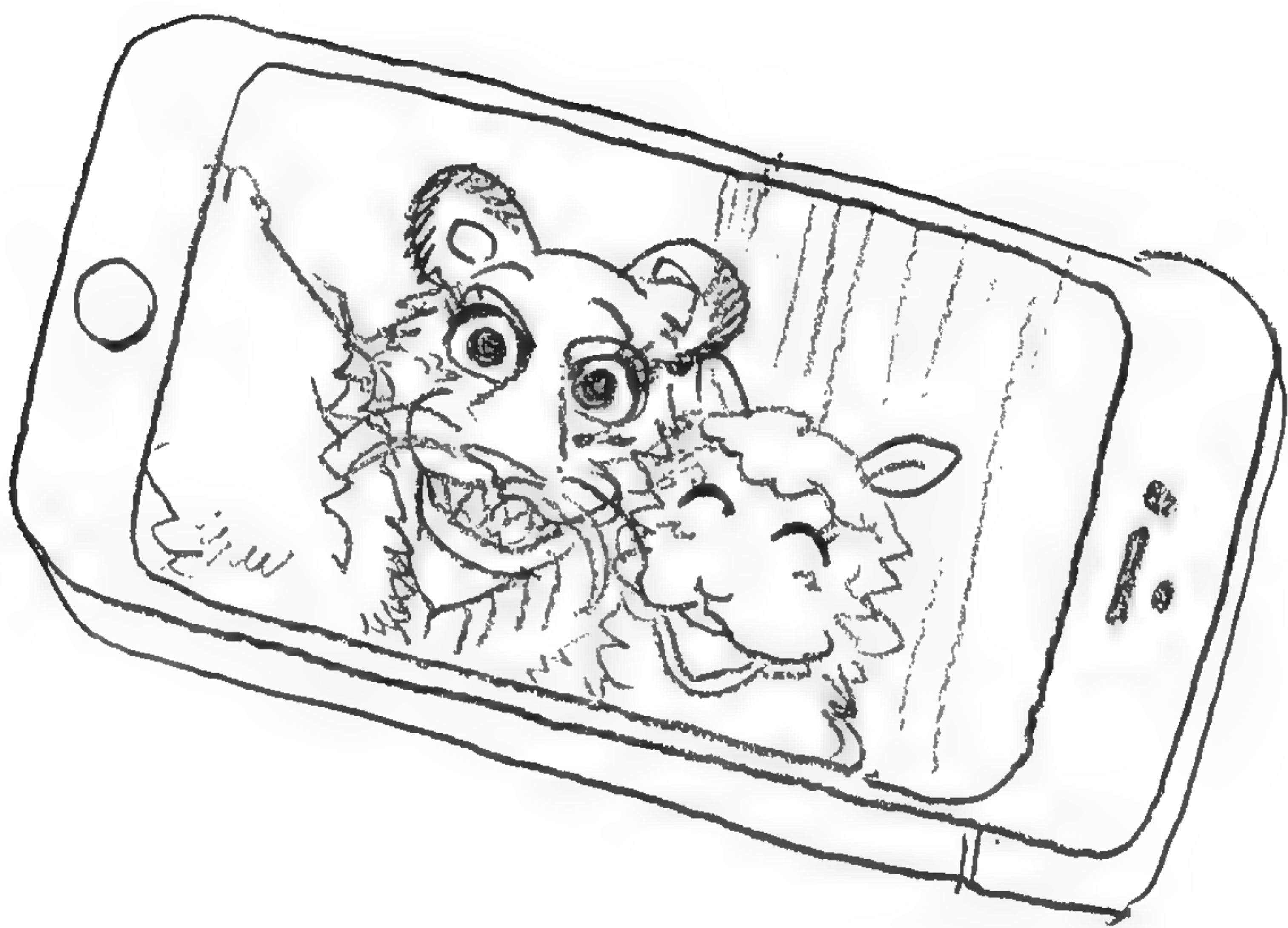
Because
I can
reach
farther!



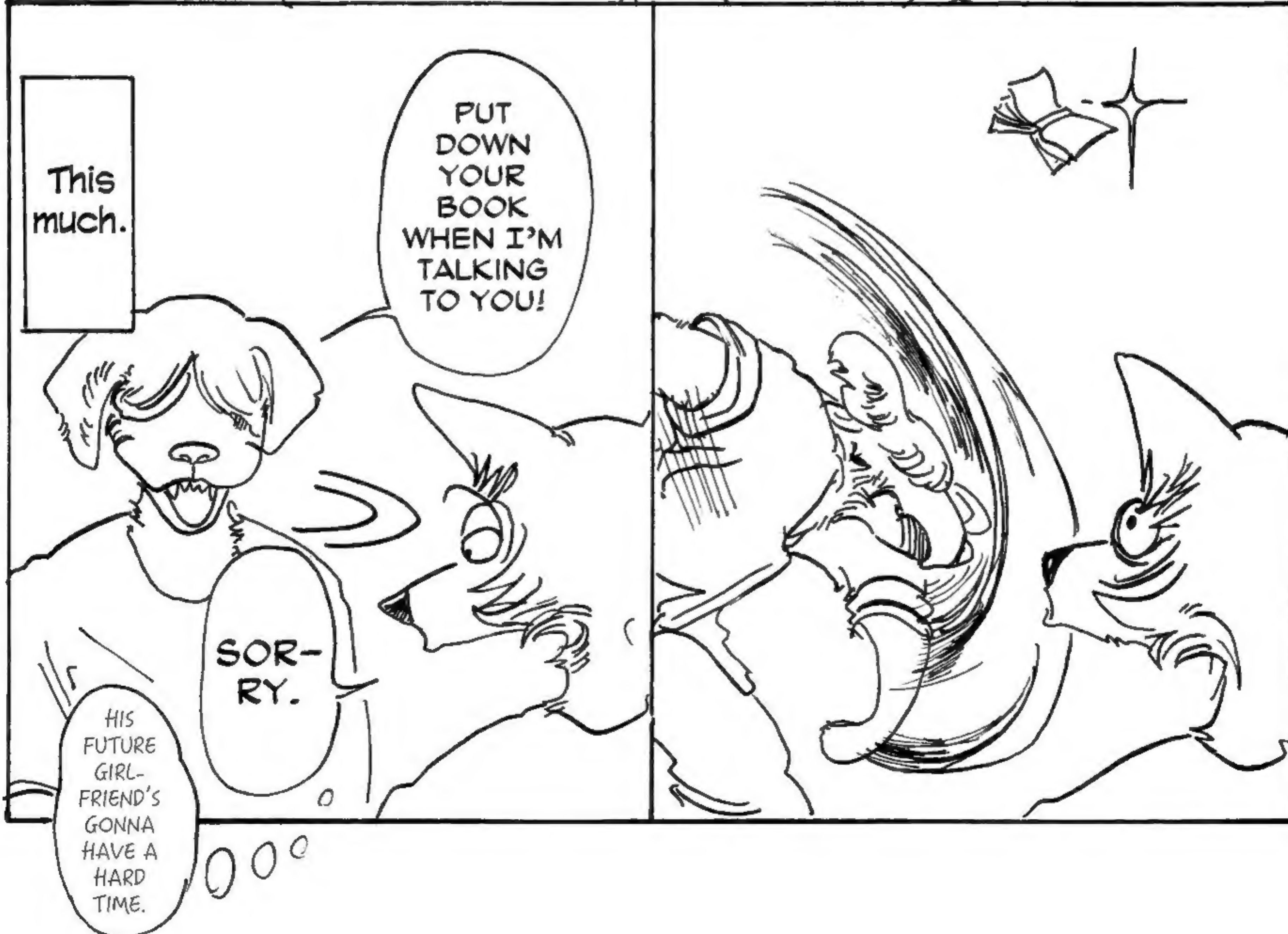
LET'S
TAKE A
SELFIE...TO
CELEBRATE
OUR FIRST
TRIP TO
TOWN TO-
GETHER.







*Don't read the next cartoon until you've finished reading the entire volume!



His Acquired Fetish

A male fan's favorite is naturally the member closest to his own animal family.



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THIS IS A PHOTO OF MY EDITOR AND
ME AT AN AWARDS CEREMONY.

THE CEREMONY WAS EXTRAORDINARY,
BUT I FIND THE ORDINARY DAYS WHEN
I DRAW MANGA AT MY DESK MUCH
MORE EXCITING.

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